

MAYOR WARNED ANOTHER TIME

North Platte Executive, Just Re-Elected, Told to Clean-up or Face Ouster Actor

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Mayor F. L. Temple of North Platte, must clean up his city or show cause why proceedings should not be brought to remove him, Attorney General Sorensen declared, Wednesday, on learning of the re-election of Temple, Tuesday.

"We assume that the people of that fine city (North Platte) by their action did not intend to sanction wide open gambling, houses of prostitution on main street and wholesale bootlegging. Their indorsement of the present mayor must have been for some other reason," Sorensen said.

Before the election Tuesday Sorensen delivered an ultimatum that Temple must either enforce the law or resign, and he declared removal proceedings would be started if the mayor was re-elected.

BARBER WHO NEVER CUT WOMAN'S HAIR IS DEAD

OMAHA—(UP)—It was the proud boast of John J. Konvall, 69 years old, OMAHA's oldest active barber, who died here Tuesday that in his 55 years of service his trusty shears had never cut a woman's hair. Konvall learned his trade when 14 years old and had conducted some of the finest shops here. He refused to allow a woman manicurist in his shop when the fad for slick finger nails came in.

ASKED TO SHARE PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED ON PAL

OMAHA—(UP)—Arraigned before District Judge Fitzgerald for sentence late Tuesday, Robert O'Neill, 28 years old, leader of three bandits who were captured by a posse near Nebraska City after holding up a grocery store here pleaded that he be given some of the sentence that the court was to impose on Fred Allen, 21, youngest of the trio. Allen, he said, merely happened to be along when the robbery was committed. Judge Fitzgerald gave O'Neill and William Cowan seven years each, cutting Allen's sentence to five years. The men pleaded guilty.

VETERAN REPORTER AROUSES IRE OF OMAHA LEGISLATOR

LINCOLN—(UP)—For 38 years, John Thompson, veteran reporter of the Lincoln State Journal, has reported the activities of the Nebraska senate, but Wednesday his friendly relations with the senators were threatened. Senator Gus A. Dworak, of Omaha, introduced a resolution asking that Thompson be ejected from the senate chamber on account of an article he had written in the Journal. Although Dworak appeared to be serious about the resolution, other senators treated it as a joke and it was likely to be voted down Thursday.

TWO MEN CONFESS TO ARSON CHARGES

WILBER—Pleading guilty to arson, Stanley A. Vodicka, 37 years old, Dorchester, Neb., shoeman, and Joseph Brounsky, 35, of Omaha, were sentenced to 15 months in prison.

According to confessions obtained by County Attorney Dredia and E. E. Hayduk of Omaha, deputy state fire marshal, Vandicka hired Brounsky for \$100 to fire his shop.

The fire occurred February 9, 1927, the conspirators taking advantage of the annual firemen's ball. The dance ended at 1 o'clock. The fire was discovered at 2, an hour when the two had said, they believed the town would be deep in slumber after the night's merriment.

According to Hayduk, Vodicka prepared the fire trap, soaking merchandise with oil. Brounsky, he said, tossed a match through an open window, and then fled the town.

Vodicka had his goods insured for \$3,000. Collecting \$1,991.56 insurance, he had bought the lot and erected a modern building on the site of the ruins. Five months ago, a tip came to the fire warden, and an investigation led to the sentences.

NEBRASKA'S FINANCES IN GOOD CONDITION

LINCOLN—(UP)—With a balance of \$352,379.08 in the state general fund on March 31, the state was assured of going through April without a deficit in the fund, W. M. Steggins, state treasurer reported in his March statement.

"The financial condition of the state is the best ever for this time of the year," he said. "Next month will be our great month for collection of taxes and the state has sufficient funds until the receipts come in."

The amount of cash on hand at the close of business for March was \$3,728,131.14, of which \$407.30 was cash items and \$3,727,723.75 was due from banks.

LIGHT PATRONS GET REFUND ON METERS

SIDNEY—(UP)—Sidney citizens will receive almost \$15,000 within the next few days from the city of Sidney, representing repayment of electric light and power meter deposits made to the city while the light and power plant was operated municipally.

This refund is being made as the result of the sale of the plant on March 26 to the western public service company for \$400,000. Payment of these refunds began April 1.

NEW BLOOMFIELD BANK ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

BLOOMFIELD—(Special)—The board of directors for the reorganization of the Nebraska State bank, has elected Jeff Gossard, president; Fred Mueller, vice president; Steve Morton, cashier; C. T. Heckl, assistant cashier. The new organization will call their bank the Union State bank. The date for opening was not announced at this meeting.

FIRE DESTROYS PRIVATE COACH

Burlington Railroad Official and His Party Forced to Move Out

BENKLEMEN, NEB.—(UP)—Fire destroyed the private railroad car of H. H. Urlich, of Lincoln, superintendent of motive power for the Burlington railroad, as the train to which it was attached raced from Parks to Benklemen Thursday.

The blaze was discovered as the train left Parks but no help could be had there and orders were given to proceed to this city where the contents of a hog waterer were flooded into the car. In the car with Urlich were Don Fancher, of Lincoln; J. H. Reiss and Henry Modaff, master mechanics. They fled to an adjoining car when awakened by the smoke.

THURSTON BAND GETS INTO SHAPE FOR SEASON

THURSTON—(Special)—The Thurston band, which won a cash prize in the Triboji Beach contests last year and had signal honors at Omaha, is being put into condition for another season of successful concerts.

MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTY DECREASED

PONCA—(Special)—The quarterly report of the county clerk shows a reduction of \$606,830.18 in the mortgage indebtedness of Dixon county citizens. Farm mortgages decreased \$48,376.60 while chattle mortgages were \$571,649.34.

ARGUES CONVICTION OF BANKER SHOULD STICK

LINCOLN—(UP)—Assistant Attorney General Reim filed with the supreme court Thursday a printed argument in support of the conviction in Fillmore county of Len J. Davis, formerly vice president of the Citizens State bank at Geneva, Neb. Davis was convicted on information charging him with embezzling bank credits. He was also an executor of the John Archer estate, and took 41 notes out of the bank and turned these over to the estate, and replaced them with notes of his brothers, secured by second mortgages on an ice plant.

Davis insists that the bank lost nothing, but Reim insists it was substitution of frozen assets for quick assets and that the bank failed within a few days.

DEPOSITORS IN CLOSED BANKS GIVEN DIVIDENDS

LINCOLN—Several northeastern Nebraska banks are included in the distribution just announced by the state guaranty fund commission of a total of \$415,984 to the depositors county, taken over in October, 1928, of failed institutions.

The Allen State bank, Dixon gets a 15 per cent dividend, the first one, amounting to \$48,893, and totaling a 24 per cent liquidation of assets.

Security State bank of Creighton, taken over May 17, 1928; amount of payment, \$55,871.09; percentage, 25; liabilities liquidated to date, 30 per cent.

Bank of Dakota County, Jackson; taken over April 17, 1928; amount of payment, \$8,279.04; percentage, 15; liabilities liquidated to date, 34 per cent.

Citizens State, Martinsburg, taken over July 17, 1928; amount of payment, \$21,971; percentage, 20; liabilities liquidated to date 34 per cent.

State bank of Tilden, taken over July 7, 1927; amount of payment, \$20,050; percentage, 10; amount of liabilities liquidated to date, 34 per cent.

NOT SO SURE OF WHO COMMITTED MURDER

MCCOOK—(UP)—The case against Lawrence Gilson, youth charged with murdering Nels Erickson, appears to be weakening, with new evidence being discovered at North Platte.

Young Gilson is in Los Angeles, and has told officers that he has been in California the last five months. Sheriff George McClain is on his way to the coast city with requisition papers.

Another man may be linked with the murder and Gilson may be absolved, according to the information gained at North Platte. A man is said to have registered at the Ritter hotel in North Platte March 14 and 15, two days before the murder. Chief of Police Greene also declares he has evidence to show that Gilson was not in North Platte with Erickson, while the man registering at the hotel was seen to depart with Erickson.

PLAINVIEW—(UP)—Mrs. W. M. Fender, of Meadow Grove, was elected president of the Third District Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs meeting here in its 26th annual convention, Thursday. Other officers are: Mrs. M. F. McDuffee, of Norfolk, vice president, and Mrs. G. F. Broyhill, of Dakota City, treasurer.

AX WIELDER VICTIM WILL GO UNDER KNIFE

OMAHA—Harold Strubling, victim of an ax attack at his Carter Lake Club, Ia., home last November, will be operated on again Saturday with hopes that paralysis on the left side of his head may be cured.

Doctors attending Strubling say that he has a blood clot which, if removed, would aid in curing him. Jake Bird, negro, was sentenced to 3 years in the Iowa penitentiary for the Strubling attack.

The Crystal and Pearl Motif



White chiffon shading into gray and black is rendered more interesting by the crystal and pearl motif that adorns the creation. The skirt is formed by a series of triangles that fall unevenly to the floor, the formal jacket carrying out the color scheme by utilizing fox fur in the three shades of the muff-effect cuffs.

Hard to Believe From the Bookman

George Barr McCutcheon had one incredible experience that he believed to be a match for any "incredible" experience incidental to authorship. Back in the 1890s, long before he was known to anybody as an author, he sent a short story to a literary agent in New York, blissfully hopeful that it could be disposed of to some magazine. The manuscript was never returned to him nor was he ever notified that it had been sold.

Twenty five years passed. Then one day Mr. McCutcheon's chauffeur was walking in Thirty Seventh street, New York between Fifth and Madison avenues when he espied a large square envelope lying on the sidewalk, where it had apparently just been dropped by someone in passing. He looked inside the envelope to see what it contained and found to his astonishment that it was a typewritten manuscript of a story by his employer. Naturally he took it at once to Mr. McCutcheon. It was the long lost and long forgotten story.

It was on his way from an engraving establishment to the studio of the illustrator who had been employed to make the drawings. The proofs of the engravings were in the envelope with the manuscript, with directions as to the manner of making the pictures fit in with the text. Investigation revealed the fact that after the death of the literary agent to whom the story had originally been sent, someone connected with the office had unearthed the story, with others, and had sold it to a magazine. This magazine had in turn failed and after many years the receivers sold the unpublished material for what they could get. The McCutcheon story was sold to an inconspicuous magazine for the sum of \$50.

A curious point in the subsequent litigation was that Mr. McCutcheon's lawyers advised him that he had no longer any right to the manuscript in view of the fact that it had been bought in good faith by the editor. Another curious fact was that when Mr. McCutcheon offered the editor \$500 for the story, in order that he might destroy it, the editor refused.

But most curious of all was the finding of the envelope, after 25 years, by Mr. McCutcheon's own chauffeur, in a city of more than 5,000,000 people.

Fingers in Census Pie

From New York Times. Senator Reed of Pennsylvania is filled with righteous indignation about the way in which the Federal Census Bureau is getting ready to handle the forthcoming decennial census. It seems that Director Steuart, being a forehanded gentleman, has been in correspondence with some of those who helped him take the enumeration nine years ago to see if they would be willing to serve again. Now, nine years takes us back to 1920. That was, in Mr. Reed's view, a different era altogether—one of democratic darkness. Director Steuart's circular letter happened to be addressed to some of the children of darkness in Pennsylvania. But that State's apostle of light at once wrote a letter to Mr. Steuart, which Senator Reed refrains from describing as "bulldozing" or "bullyragging" only because "those might be deemed unparliamentary expressions." It is

Romance Comes Back

Frank Parker Stockbridge, in the Bookman. Are we getting tired of "modern" writing?

Does the reading public hanker after the old romanticism and sentimentality? There are some traces of such a tendency. They are observable not only in books but in magazine stories and quite clearly visible in the current theater.

It is bound to come, if it has not already begun—the swing back toward the world of illusion, peopled by folk who couldn't have lived to grow up in real life and who act as nobody alive ever acted. In other words, there is certain to

When Dieting Is Futile

From St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The medical profession is beginning to take cognizance of a fact which has become a sort of standing joke among laymen, namely that a person of excess weight may exercise faithfully and diet conscientiously for a long period, only to discover that he has lost no weight, or has even gained a few pounds.

Mere arrangement of a standardized diet whereby the body gets fewer calories than its normal need does not always cure the abnormal condition. Some specialists now are viewing many cases of obesity as a disease, and not the result of wrong habits in eating or exercising. Treating each patient with a standardized mathematical prescription of carbohydrates and fats has been found to bring such varying results that it is now playing a secondary role.

The new method of treatment is through correcting the malfunctioning of the endocrine or ductless glands of the body, particularly the pituitary and thyroid. Cases of obesity in children are found nearly always to be due to glandular malactivities. The fat boy in Dickens' "Pickwick" is the classic example of such a pituitary disorder. The amount of food consumed is not the primary or sole cause of added weight when the glandular secretions are abnormal; hence dieting and exercise are unavailing in such instances.

As scientific treatment becomes more general, rigorous dieting, which may become harmful and freak anti-fat remedies are nearing their end.

Q. Why are some people so much more ticklish than others? C. D.

A. It depends upon the sensitivity of the nervous system. Susceptibility to tickling also is partially under the control of the will. If no restraint is exercised, hypersensitivity is apt to result. Considerable resistance can be developed.

That's Oil Right

From Judge. Doctor: Now, take this dark colored bottle when you get up, and this oily mixture the last thing before you go to bed.

Patient (from New Jersey): Yeah, but—

Doctor: Is there anything you don't understand?

Patient: Yeah, what's the idea of takin' the oily medicine the latest?

TOWN'S TANGLED AFFAIRS ARE AIDED IN HIGH COURT

LINCOLN—(Special)—The tangled affairs of the town of Petersburg, Boone county, during the eight years' service of John J. Carey as village treasurer, were unraveled before the supreme court, when the appeal of Carey and the Citizens State bank of Petersburg, now in the hands of the state guaranty fund commission, were argued. The lower court held that Carey owed the village \$9,789 and the bank \$3,573, the latter being held because of a charge of the village authorities that it had conspired with Carey, who is a relative of two of the managing officers, to deprive the village of its money.

The chairman of the village board suspected that Carey was short in his accounts, but when he asked the bank for permission to go over the records of the institution and also of Carey, which were in its possession, he was refused. It then became necessary to ask an order on Carey to produce them, and it is on the examination that followed that the action is based. Carey denied that he was short in his accounts. He said that at one time he was in default to the extent of \$2,000, but that he borrowed money from a Madison bank and took up and cancelled village warrants in that amount.

SCHOOL BOARD CLAIMS POWER

Patrons Carry Course of Study Case to Supreme Court of Nebraska

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Whether rural school boards have the power to order the teaching of the ninth and tenth grades in schools where the electors have not ordered it, was a question argued before the supreme court Tuesday.

The case was brought up from Frontier county, where a majority of the electors in District 16, with children of high school age, wanted the upper grades discontinued so they could send their children to other districts. The attorneys for the board contended that the right to create grades and fix courses of study was inherent in the board by virtue of the statutes.

NEBRASKA INVENTS SMALL TALK-MOVIE MACHINE

OGALLALA—(UP)—Another millionaire in the making; another step in motion picture progress. That is how local movie producers have heralded E. A. Goodall, 36 years old, with his invention of the Good-All Reproducer—a machine to reproduce talking motion pictures at only a fraction of the cost of present machines.

The invention is characterized by the inventor as "the Ford in the moving picture business." He says of it: "It is simple and costs only a fraction of the price of the others. While it can be used in large theaters, it makes possible the introduction of talking pictures in the small town theaters. Its synchronization, or timing, is so exact that there is never more than .001 of a second difference in time between movement of the picture and the sound."

The object in perfecting the machine was to make possible the reproduction of sound pictures in the smallest theaters. "It will allow the small-town theater goer to hear the same pictures that are being heard in large cities," he said.

Goodall, a native of Ogallala, does not represent the popular conception of an inventor. He does not hide himself in a secluded garret and expend his inventive genius through long hours of dreary work, making only enough money to enable him to exist, but the contrary, he has his own factory, finances his own inventions, owns a thriving jewelry business and owns 16 business buildings here.

Nor is the "talkie" reproducer his first venture as an inventor. He perfected the Good-All Orchestra, a non-synochronized musical machine that has been in use in picture theaters since before the advent of the talking movies.

Although the business man-inventor declines to enable him to make money, he said "it had been on the market only 30 days and already it appeared that the present factory would be swamped."

GOES TO LOS ANGELES TO GET MURDER SUSPECT

MCCOOK, NEB.—(UP)—Armed with additional evidence supplied against him by the girl with whom he was in love, Sheriff George McClain left for Los Angeles, Wednesday, in an attempt to return Lawrence Gilson, 21 years old, to McCook for trial on a charge of murdering Nels Erickson.

While Gilson was presenting an apparent perfect alibi that he had been in California the last five months, Evelyn Erickson, step-daughter of the murdered man furnished evidence to local police that was expected to shatter his alibi. The exact nature of the evidence was not disclosed.

Los Angeles police were in a quandary as a result of the story the youth told, Captain Curtis, of the Los Angeles force, admitted that the story checked. The Captain said Gilson rented a room in Sawtelle, a Los Angeles suburb, on February 25 checked out March 2 and returned March 12. The murder occurred March 17.

CHILD COASTS INTO TRUCK AND IS INSTANTLY KILLED

OMAHA—(UP)—George Berger, 5 years old, was almost instantly killed when struck by a truck driven by W. P. Hullett after he had coasted his tricycle down a driveway into the street in front of his home here late yesterday. Mrs. G. L. Berger, the child's mother, was sitting on her front porch and witnessed the accident. Hullett said the tricycle coasted against the side of the truck. He is held for investigation.

CHILDREN SELL RABBIT HIDES

Estimated \$10,000 Paid to School Youngsters of Holt County

O'NEILL, NEB.—Rural school children of Holt county are estimated to have made more than \$10,000 last winter killing jack rabbits and selling their skins to fur buyers, and several ranchmen of the sandhill section of north Nebraska are contemplating abandoning cattle raising and turning the sandy sections of their ranges into rabbit farms.

H. B. Hubbard, O'Neill fur buyer, purchased 6,000 jack rabbit pelts from children, paying out for them a total of \$1,350, and other fur buyers in the county report expenditures of from \$400 to \$600.

The jack rabbit furs are used by eastern fur manufacturers and hat makers also use them for felting purposes. The output of jack rabbit fur in north Nebraska, fur buyers estimate, will exceed that of muskrat and beaver this year.

The scheme of raising jack rabbits commercially is not a phantasy, experts declare. The rodents thrive in sparsely grassed sections of the sandhills, living on vegetation that cattle scorn, and it is not necessary to provide fences or shelter. All that is necessary is to plant a little alfalfa or redtop in the valleys for winter feed and let nature take its course. The harvest begins after the first heavy frost in the fall and continues until spring, with furs prime in December, January and February. Jack rabbit pelts bring an average price of 2 1/2 cents each and the harvesting may be done either with a .22 rifle or with traps.

DAKOTA COUNTY CASE TO BE UP

Supreme Court to Hear Re-argument in May—Other Cases Have Attention

LINCOLN, NEB.—(Special)—The supreme court has ordered a reargument before it of the personal injury damage suit brought in Dakota county by Stacy Hensley against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad company, at the May 6 session, and appealed by the defendant. The case had once been argued, but no decision rendered.

The court dismissed the appeal of Lulu Meyer from a judgment of the Antelope district court in a suit brought by her against A. R. Warner, to set aside a deed on the ground that it had been obtained by deceit. The court held that she had waited too long to begin the action.

The court heard arguments on a question that the attorneys interested said affected thousands of real estate mortgages in the state. Two years ago, in the case of Stuart vs. Durland, the supreme court held that a mortgage contract that carried the legal limit of interest and in addition provided that the owner of the land should pay the tax on the mortgage was usurious. The legislature at once amended the law and provided that the mortgage tax should not render a contract usurious.

In the case at bar the War Finance corporation, seeking to foreclose a mortgage on the lands of Henry M. Thornton, was held to have perpetrated usury, the contract having been signed before the court decision cited. The question, therefore, was whether or not the legislature, by its amendment, had taken away the defense of usury possible to be made previous to the passage of it, or whether the defendant in such a case has a vested right to make a defense that the legislature is powerless to take away from him.

GOVERNOR VETOES BILL OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LINCOLN—(Special)—Governor Weaver, ex-officio chairman of the state historical society, did not let that fact interfere with his veto of a bill which would have put upon the state the cost of putting a story on the basement of the property at Sixteenth and H streets, across the street from the capitol, which is now filled with records.

The governor said that there was no warrant for the society occupying quarters outside the capitol, after that building has been completed, as there will be ample room in the tower section for all departments of the government. He said he believed in the policy of taking care of these records, now endangered by a leaky roof, but that they should be moved into the capitol. As a further reason, he said that in time the district around the capitol will be rigorously zoned, and such a building is not likely to fit in with the plans of giving the new statehouse an adequate setting.

OMAHA GIRL HAS BEEN MISSING WHOLE WEEK

OMAHA—(UP)—Search was started Monday for Frances Lenz, 16 years old, pretty business college student, whose mother, Mrs. Charles Lenz, fears has been lured from home. The girl has not been seen here since last Tuesday when she left a note stating that she would spend the night at the home of a girl friend. Frances is 5 feet tall, weighs 110 pounds, has light brown hair, blue eyes and wore a coat with fur trimmings, a black dress and a small black hat.