

"LOOK UP AND NOT DOWN; LOOK FORWARD AND NOT BACK; LOOK OUT AND NOT IN; LEND A HAND."

HOLT COUNTY MAN Brutely Slain BY SUPPOSED FRIENDS

The hand of an assassin has brought black tragedy to a Holt county home, has struck down a citizen and brought desolation and grief to a former happy family. Felix Sojka, 43, was murdered Wednesday, December 23, by supposed friends in Chicago and his money taken.

Sojka, who resided with his family on a farm 7 miles northeast of Page, had gone to Sioux City on December 16 with a truck load of hogs which he sold, having arranged things at home when he left to go on to Chicago to take medical treatment of a doctor he was acquainted with and whom he had known in his native Poland. The money obtained from the sale of the hogs he sent home to Mrs. Sojka. He had taken from home a sum of money. Two brothers of the murdered man whom The Frontier editor talked with say he probably had \$250 on his person when slain and robbed.

It is not known just when he arrived in Chicago. A letter written to his wife was dated at that place December 19. Another letter, a few brief words of greeting, not dated but postmarked the 22nd was received by Mrs. Sojka. The Chicago address given on the envelope was 2109 North avenue. Mr. Sojka formerly lived in Chicago, coming to this county nine years ago. The two brothers, Louis and Walter, with whom we talked Tuesday, believe he was slain by former acquaintances who came from Poland about the time they did, the motive being robbery. According to word from Chicago, two men are being held as suspects. The brothers came to O'Neill to arrange about having the body sent here and through the efforts of Frank Biglin and William Froelich, who is in the city at present, authorities in Chicago were induced to ship the body. It arrived here Saturday, and was prepared for burial at Biglins, being taken to the family home Sunday.

The body showed marks of violence. The skull was crushed and other marks of violence about the face and head. One wrist was cut as if bound by a wire. The body was found just outside the building where he evidently had a room. A window of the second story was pushed out and evidences of a struggle showed in the room. It is believed the two Poles with whom he was acquainted came to his room, learned that he had money and set upon him.

The brothers say Mr. Froelich has taken a great interest in the case. Without his assistance they feel they would not have been able to get the body without large expense and much worry. He has assured them of doing what he can when he returns to Chicago to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Deceased was born in Poland on November 19, 1888. In 1912 came to the United States. In 1914 he was married to Antonia Bogurz. Three sons were born to them. In 1923 they came to Holt county, to a farm northeast of Page. He is survived by his wife and three sons, Bruno, Thaddeus and Frank who are at home on the farm, two brothers, Walter and Louis, residing in the same neighborhood, and his mother, one brother and one sister in Poland.

The funeral was held Monday at St. Peter's Catholic church at Ewing, Rev. Father Vandelan being the officiating priest. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in that part of the county, the procession being nearly a mile and a half in length. It was a spontaneous expression of sympathy from the whole neighborhood over the tragedy to a home in their midst.

Investigating a Recent FIRE

Deputy State Fire Marshal Requette of Lincoln is here investigating the fire last week which damaged one of the Ryan feed storage barns and destroyed some hay. One young man has been held in custody by Sheriff Duffy at the county jail pending developments. The fire at the feed store, a bundle of burning waste at a home two blocks from there, the remnants of a butchered hog at a stock yard not far away, make a combination that has caused the sheriff and marshal to unite their efforts to fix responsibility. Now a state fire marshal comes into the picture. A community usually has a character or two upon which suspicions rest when such deeds are perpetrated, and the movements of these at that time are being pretty thoroughly scrutinized.

R. R. Morrison went to Omaha Wednesday.

A blaze in the kitchen of the Grand Cafe 7 o'clock Monday morning caused a bit of excitement. A pan of bacon in the oven of the range caught fire and opening of the oven caused the flame to spread to other breakfast dishes cooking on the stove. Frank Biglin, taking an early morning breakfast, was the only one being served at the time. With his aid and that of the employees the flames were subdued by throwing on flour to an extent that the burning dish of bacon was got out side. An alarm was turned in but the worst was over when the firemen arrived with the truck.

Postmaster and Mrs. Henry Grady are enjoying a visit from Mr. Grady's sister, Miss Rose Grady, who with her sisters are operating a millinery store in Denver. For some years they were in the same business here. Miss Genieve, their daughter, also came from Denver for the Christmas season, returning to Denver Sunday. Jack, in his first year at college at Atchinson, Kan., and Miss Dortha, teaching in the schools at Casper, Wyoming, are spending a fortnight at home.

Class Supplying Many GARMENTS

The Good Cheer class at the Methodist Sunday school has been meeting one afternoon in every two weeks since in September for the purpose of sewing and preparing clothing and collecting shoes and overshoes and making some bedding to be used for helping the needy. In this way they have furnished 644 articles to families in O'Neill and vicinity. The class wishes through this paper to express their appreciation to all who helped in any way in this work and to convey the thanks from those who have benefited from such help.

Charles Spangler called at The Frontier Monday to shake hands and see if the commander of the force here remembered him after the lapse of twenty years, which indeed he did. Mr. Spangler was a boy in the early days over northwest of Minneola when the writer was familiar with the hills and ravines along Louse creek. He has been for a number of years in Canada where he has a farm but makes frequent trips to visit relatives and friends here. He is now on a periodical visit, which he says generally lasts about three months. He likes his Canadian home but says there is no place like the good old U. S. They have gone through a dry season up there and experienced short crops and low prices. He is looking fine and a life of sobriety and industry is bringing its full fruition in these later years.

\$168,777 FEED LOANS

Ten Farmers in Holt County Among the Borrowers

Lincoln Journal: Federal feed loans totaling \$168,777 have been approved and sent into the seven northeastern drouth area counties of Nebraska, V. H. Peterson reported to Director W. H. Brokaw of the agricultural college extension service. Peterson has just returned from Grand Forks, N.D., where he has been helping Walter Eliff, who has had charge of loans for all northwestern states.

Thirty-two applications for loans are still pending and will probably be paid, Peterson said, and will bring the total for the area up above \$175,000.

Knox county farmers received 363 loans amounting to about \$90,000, study of Peterson's report shows. Cedar county farmers got 156 loans totaling about \$44,000; Boyd county got 122 loans totaling about \$32,000. Ten farmers in Holt, five in Brown, and one in Rock county received loans amounting to over \$3,000. Of the loans still pending, fifteen are in Boyd county, eleven in Knox, four in Cedar county, and one in Rock county.

With the exception of the few loans still pending, the actual cash from the government is in the hands of the farmers who applied for the loans. All of the loans were made on a business basis and on satisfactory security. Interest has been deducted already and the money will have to be repaid to the government next fall.

All of the money loaned to date has been for feed. The next step will be to supply money for seed loans from some source, Director Brokaw believes. Congress has not appropriated any federal funds to date for seed loan purposes, he says. Undoubtedly if federal funds are made available, the same set-up will disburse the funds.

Diner: "Here, waitress, take this chicken away: it's as tough as a paving stone."

Waitress: "Maybe it's a Plymouth Rock, sir."

Contempt of Court Charges Arise Out of Flannigan Trial

John McAllister, Arthur E. McCauley and Joe Juracek, three Holt county citizens, are under \$500 bonds each to appear before Judge Dickson on Saturday, January 2, to be heard on an information filed by County Attorney D. J. Cronin wherein they are charged with contempt of court in offering to bribe three of the jurors in the Flannigan cases recently concluded in district court here.

Jury bribing is a new feature injected in this already heavily freighted case. As recited by the information prepared by Mr. Cronin, two of the jury were offered the magnificent sum of \$50 each, the third the use of a farm near Stuart rent free next season. The jurors declined to "sell their souls for a nickel."

Following are the informations in the three cases as drawn up by the county attorney:

Offers Half of \$100 Bet

Be it remembered that Julius D. Cronin, County Attorney in and for Holt County, Nebraska, and in the Fifteenth Judicial District of the State of Nebraska, comes here in person into Court at this, the regular November term, A. D., 1931, thereof, and for the State of Nebraska, gives the Court to understand and be informed that John McAllister, late of the county aforesaid, did, on or about the 21st day of November, A. D., 1931, in the County of Holt and State of Nebraska aforesaid, willfully and unlawfully seek, strive and attempt to corrupt and influence one Henry Heiser, who then and there was a member of the jury panel, duly and legally chosen to serve as a juror at the 1931 fall term of the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, at which term of Court there was set for trial a case entitled, "The State of Nebraska, plaintiff, versus John M. Flannigan and James C. Flannigan, defendants," and which said case was to be heard and tried before said court and a jury to be chosen from the panel of which the said Henry Heiser was a member, and the said John McAllister did then and there, at or about the time stated, willfully attempt to obstruct said proceedings and hinder the due administration of justice in said action to be tried by said jury panel in that on or about the date before mentioned, at about noon, the said John McAllister called Henry Heiser on the telephone advising Henry Heiser that he desired to see him and inquired when Henry Heiser would be in Atkinson; upon learning that Henry Heiser was not coming to town that day or the following day, John McAllister inquired if he could see him that afternoon if he drove out, to which Henry Heiser replied that he could and told John McAllister where he could be found; that afternoon about 2:30 or 3:00 o'clock while in the road hauling corn fodder to his home Henry Heiser was approached by John McAllister who said to him, "I see by the paper that you were drawn on the jury panel for this term of court," John McAllister then inquired of Henry Heiser if he knew anything about the Flannigan cases and Henry Heiser told him that he did not; John McAllister then stated that a man had called at his restaurant last night at dinner time and bet him One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) that the Flannigans would be convicted and that it was pretty hard to refuse a fellow when he held the money right under your nose; McAllister then said to Henry Heiser if you will hang the jury you will get Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) of it; Henry Heiser replied that he would not do that to which John McAllister then said if you will not do it I have two or three other fellows that will; John McAllister then asked Henry Heiser to keep this conversation under his hat and left. That such conversation and such action on the part of the said John McAllister willfully intended to influence the action, judgment and decision of the said Henry Heiser in the event that the said Henry Heiser would be selected as a jurymen in the case of The State of Nebraska, plaintiff, versus John M. Flannigan and James C. Flannigan, defendants, which was to be tried before the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska within a short time and was a willful attempt to obstruct the proceedings in said action and suit and was a willful attempt to hinder the due administration of justice in said suit, which the same came to trial, and was a contempt of this said District Court and its dignity and contrary to the Statute in such cases made and provided.

Offers Farm Rent Free

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Another \$50 Bid

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the name of and by the authority of the State of Nebraska, comes here in person into Court at this, the regular November term, A. D., 1931, thereof, and for the State of Nebraska, gives the Court to understand and be informed that Arthur E. McCauley, late of the County aforesaid, did, on or about the 17th day of December, A. D., 1931, in the County of Holt and State of Nebraska, aforesaid, willfully and unlawfully seek, strive and attempt to corrupt and influence one George Gilman, who then and there was a member of a jury duly and legally empaneled and sworn and engaged in the trial of a criminal action in the District Court of Holt County, Nebraska, entitled "The State of Nebraska, plaintiff, versus John M. Flannigan and James C. Flannigan, defendants," which said action was then and there being tried and heard before said court and a jury, and the said Arthur E. McCauley did then and there willfully attempt to obstruct said proceeding and hinder the due administration of justice in said action then on trial, in that at or about five or five-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, of said aforementioned date, Arthur E. McCauley approached George Gilman at or near the Medlen Butcher Shop in O'Neill, Nebraska, and said, "Well, you fellows are about through up there; if this jury is hung and you come up to my office in Atkinson there will be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00 in it for you)." That such conversation and such action on the part of the said Arthur E. McCauley, was then and there willfully intended to influence the action, judgment and decision of said juror, George Gilman, there to be arrived at in said suit on trial before said District Court and was a willful attempt to obstruct said proceedings and suit and was a willful attempt to hinder the due administration of justice in said suit and was a contempt of this said District Court and its dignity and contrary to the Statute in such cases made and provided.

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money bet that the Flannigans would not be convicted for the reason that bankers could not be convicted in public courts. That such conversation and such action on the part of the said Joe Juracek, real true name unknown, was then and there willfully intended to influence the action, judgment and decision of said juror, Ralph Rosenkrans there to be arrived at in said suit on trial before said district court and was a willful attempt to obstruct said proceedings and suit and was a willful attempt to hinder the due administration of justice in said suit and was a contempt of this said District Court and its dignity and contrary to the Statute in such cases made and provided.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson had the unusual pleasure of having their family with them for Christmas. Besides the parents there were present for the occasion: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tomlinson and Ralph O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tomlinson and son Virgil of Redbird, Mrs. Isabelle Bruhm and children Rita and Billy of West Point, Mr. and Mrs. William Turner and children Maxine and Bobby of Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry of Inman.

Wedding Anniversary SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Richter celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at Dorsey on Christmas day, with a surprise given by their children Mary, Charley and Lowell Richter. They were married at her home 8 miles northeast of O'Neill on the twenty-fifth of December, 1906. On the first of March in 1907, they moved to their home, known as the Philip Heckle place 21 miles northeast of O'Neill, where they have lived since.

The evening was spent playing cards and games. A three course supper was served at midnight.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schollemyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schollemyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chase and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald, Mrs. Fred Richter, mother of Charlie Richter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richter, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Richter and son Marvin, Nila and Elaine Renner, Herold and Emma Burgland, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Allendorfer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oberle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Less Smith and family, Charlie Spangler from Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weltlauffer and family, Bud Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Krough and family and the Alder family.

The State Industrially.

Omaha—\$4,500,000 union railroad terminal of this city has Union station, connected with Burlington station by an enclosed passageway.

Broadwater—Diamond Service Station purchased by Dean Sawyer and Hartley Smith.

Seward—C. H. Riggert purchased interest of Mr. Ramsel in jewelry firm of Riggert and Ramsel.

Genoa—W. E. Fleming of Neligh purchased Willard Jewelry Store.

Seward—Newschoolhouse completed and will be dedicated shortly.

West Point—Mrs. Cora Blankenbeker of Bancroft, opened lunch counter on South Main St., in Flores building.

Dodge—Jos. H. Schovee leased space and opened jewelry department in Simanek Drug Store here.

Wayne—M. R. Wait of Omaha and L. L. Wait of Coleridge opened Service Electric Shop, electrical repair establishment in Savidge building on South Main St.

Omaha—Smith Jewelry Shop, Limited, opened on fourth floor of City National Bank building.

Niobrara—Nebraska-Dakota Bridge Corporation headed by group of Minnecapolis and St. Paul business men, plan to start construction of bridge here by February 15th and complete structure by August, 1932.

Broken Bow—J. T. Mudd, jeweler, purchased gift shop merchandise of Miss Gertrude Chambers and consolidated stock in location occupied by Gift Shop.

Neligh—Harry Livingston opening lunch room in building north of post office, formerly occupied by Steiner jewelry store.

Lemoyne—Members of Keith and Arthur Counties Turkey Growers Cooperative Association shipped carload dressed turkeys from here recently.

Kenard—Corner lot at Second and Main streets leased for filling station to be erected soon.

Wymore—Electric clock installed in window of Rock Bottom Grocery.

Lyman—Sugar factory here completed slicing of 1931 beet crop, with total of \$138,000 beets sliced in 69 days, averaging more than 2,000 tons beets each 24 hours.

Hay Springs—Hay Springs Hardware formally opened in new \$15,000 structure.

Seward Journal sold to Blue Valley Blade and Seward Independent Democrat.

SIoux CITY FIRMS SEND AIRPLANE

HERE AFTER FLOWERS

A sample of the efficiency of modern business methods was shown in an incident occurring in the city yesterday. An airplane came over from Sioux City yesterday morning that a customer of a Sioux City firm might have his order filled on time. An undertaker at Stanton had ordered flowers for a funeral for 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from Rocklin, Lehman & Co., florists. The flowers, several boxes, were expressed to O'Neill on the Burlington and were to be transferred to the Northwestern for the early train east. The messenger from Sioux City did not notify George Wyant who handles the express and transfers at this end and the flowers were kept here. When the Sioux City firm learned from their Stanton customer that he did not receive the flowers the manager, Mayer Harrison, boarded an airplane and came to O'Neill, loaded up the flowers and sent the pilot down to Stanton with them in time for the funeral. Will Biglin met the incoming plane, with the flowers, at a landing place just east of town. Mr. Harrison concluded to return to Sioux City on a bus.

There will be a meeting at 8:00 P. M., Wed., Jan. 6, in the court room for all adults interested in the Boy Scouts. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers of the local organization for the coming year and to transact any other business which may be presented.

COMMITTEE.

M. T. Eveland enjoyed the experience of getting up to the table and partaking of the Christmas dinner. Most of us did the same, but sitting down to the dining table is an every day affair with the rest of us. Mr. Eveland, in his eighty-fourth year, until just recently has been confined to a bed since last July and his Christmas dinner was his first meal at the table in some months.

Services at the First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. Geo. G. Robertson, superintendent. Morning Worship 11:00—This will be our regular Communion Service. Young People's C. E. Meeting 6:45—Eleanor Younklin, leader. Evening Service 7:30—This will be a New Year's Candle Light Service. Let these services help you start the New Year right. H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Methodist Church Notes

Benj. Kuhler, Pastor

Theme for the first Sunday morning of the New Year will be, "Life Investments." How did they come out in the past? Which are permanent, which transitory? Jesus had something to say about it. In the evening the talk will center around "Happiness." Who are Happy and why? Does it pay to seek happiness, or so live that happiness will follow us?

Henry Ford gives his belief in these words. "I believe in God and in Jesus Christ. I was brought up in the church. I belong to the church. I attend church. I never go to hear a sermon, whether by a preacher in a large or small church, that I do not get help. Religion is like electricity. I do not understand electricity but I am deeply interested in it. I want to know all I can about it. I know that it warms our hearts and makes the world better. I know that it lights up the dark places of the earth. I see and admit its effectiveness, even though I do not profess to understand it at all."

2 Matched Games at BOWLING

For two hours Tuesday evening at the Petersen bowling alley, teams composed of the best in the Lions and Gun clubs battled for supremacy. Two games were played and the final summing up showed the Gun Club 35 ahead.

The first game was won by the Lions on a margin of 6 points; the next game went to their opponents by 41. The high score in the first game was 193, in the second 201.

The bowlers: Lions—Cadwell, Harty, McNally, Yantzi and Gillispie.

Gun Club—Hagensick, Gunn, Hough, Medlen and Calkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Philbin returned to their home in Wayne, Neb., Sunday after spending the past week visiting at the home of Mrs. Philbin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shaughnessy of O'Neill.