

### BARKER IS SANE.

#### So Say the Experts—No Verdict by the Jury As Yet.

A jury in the Lancaster county district court has been busily engaged this week hearing testimony to determine whether or not Frank Barker, the Inavale murderer, is insane. The state is represented by Attorney General Thompson and County Attorney L. H. Blackledge. Barker is represented by Judge F. G. Hamer of Kearney.

The first testimony in the case was taken Wednesday morning, when the defense put on the stand a number of Barker's fellow convicts, whose testimony tended to show that Barker had acted "queer" during his confinement. Barker himself went on the stand and told the story of his crime, exhibiting little or no emotion during the recital. Quite a number of witnesses were summoned from Webster county, and they will go on the stand today if called at all.

Yesterday was largely given up to expert testimony, practically all of which tended to prove the sanity of the condemned man.

Dr. E. L. Holyoke, chief physician of the penitentiary, stated that though he had been physician at that institution during Barker's entire confinement, he had never been asked to examine Barker or had ever seen anything about the man that would lead him to believe the murderer insane.

Dr. J. T. Hay, who has been connected with the Lincoln asylum for the last twenty years, stated that he had, in company with Dr. Mayhew and Dr. Birkner, made three examinations of Barker. He said that Barker answered his questions intelligently and freely without any indication that he was insane or subject to epileptic fits.

"What is your opinion of Barker's condition?" asked Attorney Martin, in cross-examination.

"Well, there is some doubt in my mind, but from all examinations that I have made and the testimony that I have heard from foremen and convicts at the penitentiary, I believe that Barker is not an epileptic and is sane. And," added Dr. Hay, "only a very small per cent of the epileptics are insane."

"Would you consider Barker a proper subject for the asylum?" asked Attorney Martin.

"No, I would not," replied Dr. Hay. Dr. Birkner testified that he had examined Barker, and stated that as far as he was able to determine from the examinations he believed him sane.

"The only reason I would have to doubt his sanity at all has been caused by talking with some of his fellow convicts," was Dr. Birkner's final statement.

Other experts who testified that they had examined Barker and believed him to be sane were: Superintendent Kerns, superintendent of the Hastings asylum; Dr. R. E. Griffin and Dr. F. A. Graham.

In neither instance could Judge Hamer shake the belief of the witnesses in Barker's sanity.

### NEW ROAD LAW.

#### Changes in the Laws Relating to Road and Labor Tax Now in Effect.

Section 10536 is amended so as to require every male inhabitant to pay a poll tax of \$2.50, payable in cash at the same time as the tax on personal property is payable. Persons living in cities or incorporated villages who are liable by the provisions of the law regulating cities and villages to pay the poll or labor tax to work upon the streets thereof shall not be assessed to pay the tax provided in this act.

Section 6079 is amended to provide that all road and labor tax shall be paid in cash. One-half of all moneys collected as road tax shall constitute a county road fund which shall be divided equally between the several commissioner districts for the benefit of the roads therein. The other half shall constitute a district road fund and shall be expended under the direction of the road overseer in the district in which it was collected for the improvement

and maintenance of roads in such district. The board may levy the same rate of road tax upon property within cities of metropolitan class, cities of the first and second class and villages as is levied on the property in the several road districts, and one-half of all such tax when collected shall go to the county fund, the other half to be paid to the city or village where collected. All grading of the public roads shall be done between April 1 and November 1 of each year, provided, however that it is necessary in the completion of a bridge in building the approaches thereto, such grading may be done at any time as directed by the county board.

The compensation of road overseers is fixed at \$2.50 per day for all time necessarily expended.

### Horse Cut on Wire.

Last Saturday afternoon a stranger who was driving through to Indianola in search of work met Platt's auto just west of town, and as the horse appeared to be a little nervous, Mr. Platt stopped his machine to wait for the party to get by. The young man got out of his buggy and led the horse past the auto without any trouble, but no sooner had they got past than the horse made a break to run, throwing the young man aside. The horse broke through the single wire fence and was terribly cut about the fore legs. Mr. Platt came into town and sent Dr. Nelson out after the injured horse, which he took to the barn and treated. It will be a long time before the horse will be of any use. The young man went on his way at the expense of Mr. Platt.

### Runaway Boy Sent Home.

Last Saturday morning John Hulsebusch phoned in to the sheriff that a little runaway boy had come to his house. Sheriff Hedge went to Hulsebusch's and got the boy, who proved to be the 11 year-old Byron Reed, who gave his home as Burlington, Colo. The boy was willing to return home, and the sheriff put him on the west-bound train and sent him on his way rejoicing. He probably had killed off all the grizzlies in Colorado and started east to kill off the Wall street bears one hears so much about.

### Here is Relief for Women.

Mother Gray, a nurse in New York, discovered an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for women's ills, called Australian Leaf. It is the only certain monthly regulator. Cures female weaknesses, backache, kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. At all druggists or by mail 50 cents. Sample free. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Ley Roy, N. Y.

### YOUNG GIRL ABDUCTED.

#### A Fourth of July Episode That Will Get Someone Into Trouble.

A warrant was issued last Thursday afternoon for the arrest of James Gouldie and Henry Steffen, who live over in Kansas, on the charge of having abducted 16-year-old Sophia Anderson, whose home is near Bladen. It seems the parties all attended the celebration at Bladen, and from there they drove over into Kansas, where they were followed by Constable Norris, who succeeded in inducing the girl to return home. It is said that the girl is a sister-in-law of Gouldie, and that Steffen wanted to marry her. No arrests have been made, as County Attorney Blackledge has been too busy with the Barker case to attend to the matter of procuring requisition papers.

### Deaths and Funerals.

#### Jacob Moranville.

Jacob Moranville, the aged father of Dr. J. W. Moranville of this city, died at his home in Guide Rock yesterday morning and funeral services were held today. Mr. Moranville was about 93 years of age and had resided in Guide Rock for many years. Obituary next week.

#### Mrs. Lightfoot.

Margaret Lightfoot, grandmother of Mrs. J. W. Edson, died at Bethany, Neb., yesterday, where she was visiting with her daughter. The remains will be brought to Red Cloud tomorrow for interment. We are unable to obtain a correct obituary in time for publication this week.

### Chautauqua Talent.

The following is a complete list of the attractions for the ten days of the Chautauqua. There are few changes from the published list, all of them for the better. Newell Dwight Hillis comes in place of Rev. Sam Small, which will give us a chance to hear the most famous eastern divine of the present day. Read this list and see if you do not think the Red Cloud Chautauqua will furnish a ten days feast to all who attend:

Newell Dwight Hillis,  
Kilties Band and Orchestra.  
Hon. Fred T. Dubois.  
Wilbur Starr Concert Co.  
Dr. Thomas McClary.  
Ritchie, the Magician.

Spillman Riggs,  
Marvin Williams,  
Prof. J. Lorenzo Zwickley,  
The Howe Moving Picture Co.,  
Hon. G. A. Gearhart,  
Lucian Edgar Follansbee,  
Midland Jubilee Singers,  
Hon. Nat. A. Brigham,  
Elliott A. Boyd,  
Dr. D. F. Fox,  
Roy Russell Teeter, platform manager.

Meistersinger's Male Quartette,  
The Ritz-Nehrbas Combination,  
Dr. R. R. Lloyd, M. A., D. D.

### Real Estate Transfers.

For the week ending Tuesday, July 9, furnished by the Fort Abstract Co., L. H. Fort, Manager.

Wm H Skelton to Wellington A Franklin, lot 16 blk 14 B Hill, \$1400	
W C Moore to W A Cray 1 half lots 2 8 blk 14 Guide Rock....	130
Robert Garrison to Alonzo H Batty 1 half lot 3 blk 9 Vances' ad to Guide Rock.....	300
Storz Brewing Co to Independent Realty Co lot 7 blk 14 Blue Hill	160
Prudence E Moore to Eliert Bargman lts 15 to 18 blk 14 Smith's & Moores add to Red Cloud...	200
Fanny T Cray to Mary E Dondna qcd n2sw 11 1-7 n2nw4 ne4 33-2 9.....	1200
David M Francis to W H Roseners lts 4&5 blk 20 Smith & Moores add Red Cloud.....	700
Alfred Dickes to N V Anderfon lts s 6 & 7 blk 10 Cowles.....	1350
Total.....	7180
Mortgages filed, \$7800.	
Mortgages released, \$1000.	

### The Early Bird.

Bishop Brewster of Connecticut is noted for his funny stories, and his latest is said to be about an old reprobate who decided to repent and announced to every one that whatever wrong he had done should be made right, so a man who he had cheated out of a large sum of money went around at midnight to demand it.

"But what did you come at this hour for and wake me up? Why not wait till tomorrow?" said the old sinner crossly.

"I came now," replied the man, "to avoid the rush."—Harper's Weekly.

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### THE BAND

#### An Institution of Which Our Citizens Have Cause to Feel Proud

If there is any one organization in which our citizens take pride it is the Citizens' Concert Band. While it was organized less than a year ago, by constant practice under the efficient direction of Prof. Alvin Snapp the band has been developed into a musical organization second to none in this part of the world. Prof. Snapp believes in new methods, and as a result the band under his direction plays the most difficult music with ease, giving new peices at every concert. Among the most pleasing numbers are those by the saxophone quartet and Marion Mercer's solo cornet work. The boys went down to Guide Rock on the Fourth, and their work received the highest praise. To show the character of the music played by the band we give below a sample of one of their concert programs:

#### PART FIRST

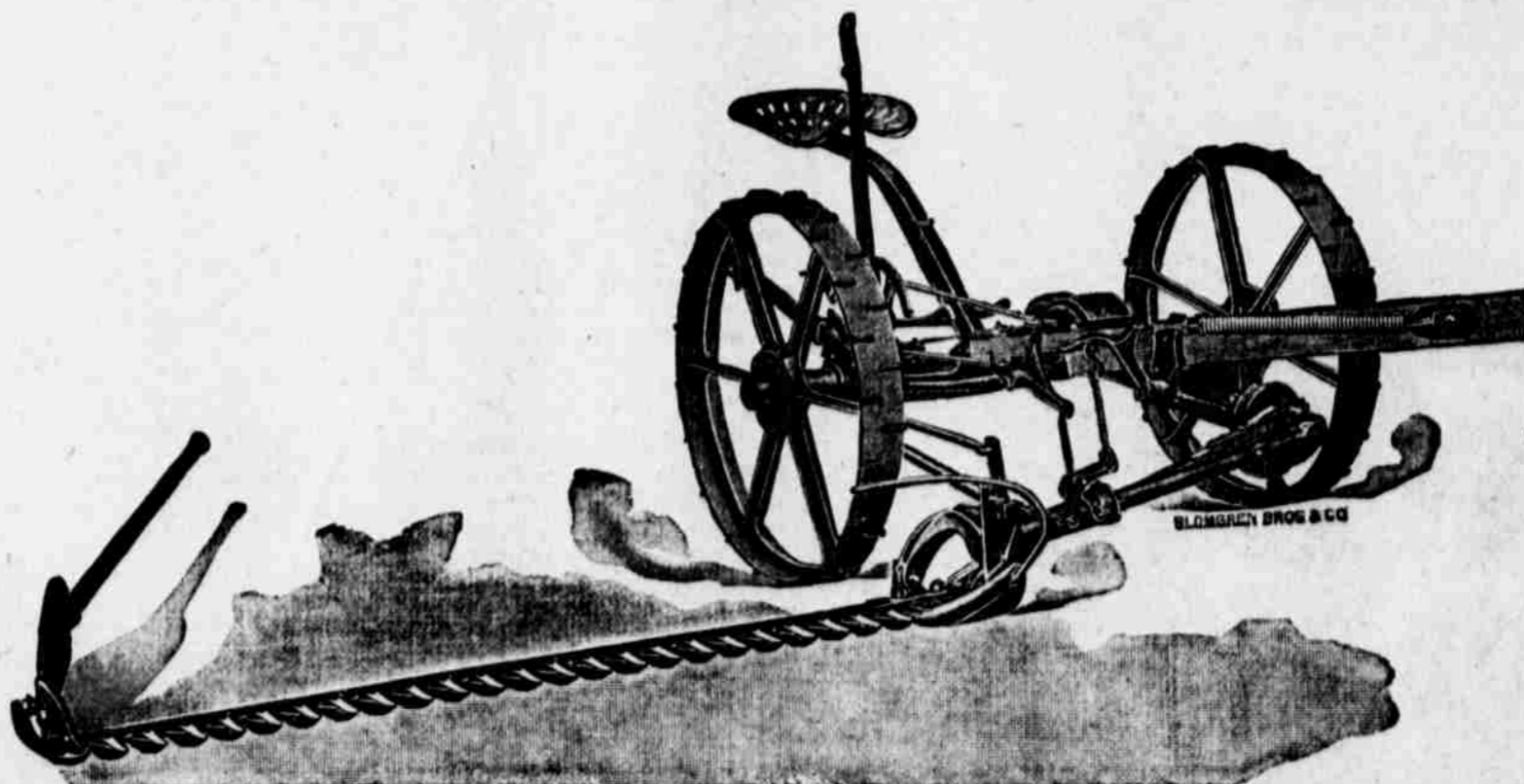
March—"American Flag".....Louis Boos  
Overture—"Inspiration".....Hayes  
Characteristic—"Big Chief Battle Ax".....Allen  
Cornet Solo—"The Charming" polka (Boos).....Marion Mercer  
Saxophone Quartet—(Selected and arranged by Alvin Snapp)—1st alto saxophone, Roy Whitaker; 2d alto saxophone, Chas. Phares; tenor saxophone, Chas. Milligan; baritone saxophone, Ernest Hines.  
Concert waltz—"Summer Secrets".....Taubert  
Musical Oddity—"The Whistler and His Dog".....Arthur Pryor  
March—"C. C. B." (new), Alvin Snapp (Composed and dedicated to the members of the Citizens' Concert Band of Red Cloud).

#### PART SECOND

March—"Neal's Fashion Plate" English Grand Selection from the "Bohemian Girl".....Balfe  
Selection from "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home".....Edwards  
Intermezzo—"Arra Wanna".....Morse  
Rag, with song chorus, "Laughing Sam".....Rolfe  
March—"S. S. Theodore Roosevelt".....Vandercock  
Closing—"America".....All standing

### "Vic" Fulton a Candidate.

In another place in today's paper will be found the card of V. B. Fulton announcing his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of county clerk. Mr. Fulton is a man of exemplary habits and a splendid education, and he is in every way fitted to fill the office to which he aspires. In politics Mr. Fulton has always been a Republican. He needs no introduction to the people of Webster county, his long connection with the Traders Lumber Company having given him a wide acquaintance.



When you buy a Mower, buy a STANDARD, for the following reasons: You can line up the cutter bar when it drops back or out of line. You can make the sections register in the center of the guards. It has a cutter bar that never drops with the outer end, and the BEST FOOT LIFT that ever was made. I have them in 5, 6, 7 and 8 foot cut. Come and look them over.

## JAMES PETERSON.