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# Writes Finis to **Guffey's Career**

Wall Street Once More Puts Her **Ouietus on Man Who Was** Too Ambitious.

# HIS STORY IS SENSATIONAL

Nephew of Colonel Guffey, Who Made and Lost Many Fortunes, Himself **Did Some Very Spectacular** Things With Oil Stocks.

New York .- When the directors re signed the other day and the Tidewater Oil company, a Standard Oil subsidiary, thus got control of the Guffey-Gillespie Oil company, insiders knew Wall street once more had written "finis" to the career of a man who "bit off more than he could chew."

The victim was Joe Guffey, more formally Joseph F. Guffey of Pittsburgh, and fully described thus:

President of the Guffey-Gillespie Oil company, with leases covering 220,000 acres in the Mid-Continent and Texas fields.

President of the Atlantic Gulf Oll corporation, controlled by the Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies Steamship lines and operating around Tampico,

President of the Colombia syndicate, controlled by Guffey-Gillespie and "Agwi" and owning a million acres of oll lands along the Magdalena river in South America.

Director of Reliance Life Insurance company, and several Pittsburgh banks.

Democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania, promoter and "angel" of A. Mitchel Palmer's last presidential boom.

Former director of sales for the allen property custodian.

#### Uncle Lost Many Fortunes.

Back of this announcement lies a story seldom equaled in American business and political biography. It parallels the story of another Guffey of a preceding generation. For Joe Guffey is a nephew of old Col. James M. Guffey, also of Pittsburgh, said to have made and lost more fortunes in oil than any other person in the United States.

By 1919, when the partnership was reorganized as the Guffey-Gillespie Oll company, it had become one of the largest in the midcontinent field. In addition, Guffey & Gillesple, with other Pittsburghers, acquired 125,000 acres of oil lands in Colombia, and the Colombia syndicate was formed.

Then "Agwi" entered the Mexican field, organized the Atlantic Gulf Oil company, and elected Guffey president.

#### Boosted Stock to \$30.

Late in February Guffey's pool tried to rout the bears and boosted the stock from 22 to 30. The effort exhausted his strength, and the bears, buying in New York and selling by wire in Pittsburgh, flooded the latter market. When the price reached 20 the Pittsburgh banks called their loans.

The Tidewater Oll company took over the stock held as collateral and bought enough more to give it voting control. Guffey, Gillesple and the old directors attempted to fight for places in the reorganized company. Tidewater asked for their resignations, and called for a receiver.

# THIS MAKES MR. HAYS HAPPY

### His Policy of Humanizing the Postoffice Department Results in Saving a Woman's Life.

Washington .- Postmaster Will H. Hays probably is the happiest man in Washington today. His slogan an airplane. "Humanize the Postoffice Department" has been carried out to what appears

to be the limit. Here is the story: In a little Nebraska farmhouse a woman lay dying for lack of medical attention. The nearest physician was Platte was only two miles away, but between the dying woman and the

physician was the South Platte river, flooded to a raging torrent that had

town within a radius of twenty miles, ington.

# Heavenly Dust Cloud of Vast Bulk Is Found

London .- Dr. A. Pannekeck, a Dutch scientist, has been demonstrating the existence of an inconceivably vast object in the heavens. Its mass, he says, is 20,000,000,000 times greater than that of the sun. He calls it a celestial gas or dust cloud. Doctor Pannekeck says this huge body is situated in the constellation of Taurus and his estimate of its size is greater than many estimates of the combined mass of the whole universe itself.

At each turn it was the same disheartening story-bridges gone and no way of fording the turbulent waters,

Just when all hope seemed gone, Dr. Selby remembered something. Somewhere he had read that the postmaster general was "humanizing" the postoffice department. He rushed to the telephone and asked C. A. Sluder,

manager of the air mail field at North Platte, to take him across the river in

"Sorry," said Sluder, "but I couldn't without getting authority from Washington first."

"But the woman is dying," the physician urged.

"In that case," replied Sluder, "we Dr. Selby at North Platte. True, North will take you first and get the authority afterward."

So it was that the life of a woman in an humble Nebraska farmhouse was saved just because the postoffice swept away every bridge near and department has been humanized. And so it is that Postmaster General Hays Dr. Selby had telephoned to every is probably the happlest man in Wash-

# CORNHUSKER News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout

Nebraska.

seed or clod hopper."

the foreign consumers.

totaled about \$1,000.

years ago.

Hauling hogs by airplane from Ne- experience in teaching are to receive braska to the Chicago markets was the maximum of salary, 100 per cent; one of the visions of Professor E. C. those with one year's experience in Paustian of Mitchell, S. D., at Ne- teaching, 90 per cent; and those with braska Wesleyan. He regretted that no experience, but 75 per cent of the records had been kept for high-bred usual salary. calves but that statistics were only State Auditor George Marsh was now in the making for the human life turned down by the district court of in rural districts. "Every problem Lancaster county in his fight against which confronts the leader in a rural the code department when the court

community is an opportunity," he said. allowed the claim of J. L. Jacobs "Here is a chance for some original of Chicago, the "efficiency" expert work. The farmer is no longer a hay- hired by the government to put the code into operation, after the claim

York's tourists camp is said to be had been denied by Marsh. The the best equipped place in Nebraska amount of the claim was \$2,473. It for the overland traveler, according was for special services performed by to visitors. The camp is located in Jacobs in Installing the code departments in operation in Nebraska. the city park. Some of the equipment

A schedule of wages for rural teach-

ers has been prepared by a committee

appointed by the Frontier county farm bureau. The wage scale suggested is

intended to encourage teachers who

wish to continue in the proproportion

to experience and qualification.

Teachers, those with at least four

years high school, including two years

in normal training, and with two years

in the park includes gas for cooking, Governor McKelvle wrote a letter shower baths, hot and cold water, to the principal banks and other financial institutions of the country, large pavillion for shelter in case of storm, under which cars can be packed in which he set out for them the conand bedding spread. The last convenditions of Nebraska from an economic ience is a washing rack for tourists to standpoint. The state, the governor use in cleaning their cars. declares is getting back to normalcy

The Fremont Milling company has fast. The farmers have just about sold 1,000,000 pounds of flour to be liquidated their post-war losses, he shipped directly to Glasgow, Scotland. says, and are getting on their feet The sacks of flour carry the company's again. private brands. This is a very unusual

Wells-Abbott-Neiman company, of deal as inland mills are usually forced Schuyler, the largest flour-manufacturto handle such trade through exporting concern between Minneapolis and ers, who used their own names to the Pacific coast closed for reorganiwithhold the source of the products to zation. The plant will be reopened in three weeks under the management With an explosion that shook the of a committee of preferred stocktown and shattered window lights

holders. Lack of ready cash was given for a block, the acytelene welding by stockholders as the reason for the plant of the Sims garage at Aurora action. blew up and Gus Stohl and Otho An-It has become necessary for the man-

derson who were in the room were agement of the Crete swimming pool knocked down. The partitions of the to make a large canvas awning or garage were demolished. The damage cover for the pool. There is such a crowd of swimmers during the day Nebraska City, Auburn and Tethat it has become necessary to pro-

cumseh bands, totalling seventy-five vide shade over the entire pond. members, play in each of the cities Guy Fasley, a young farmer, narevery third Sunday. A day at the rowly escaped being killed while Johnson county fair has been resigworking around a threshing rig on nated "Nemaha day" and music will the farm of D. Brunsen, near Friend. be furnished by the Auburn band. At His clothing was caught by the fly-Auburn there will be a "Johnson day." wheel of a large tractor engine and The Danish Lutheran church of

was torn off his body. Blair has extended a call to the Rev. The United States land office at Al-J. M. Winther of Kumomoto, Japan, to liance has received notice that ten become its pastor. The Rev. Mr. Wintracts of land, aggregating about 1,100 ther was educated in Dana college, at acres located in Cherry county, 50 Blair, and was ordained and sent as a miles southeast of that city, will be missionary to Kumomoto twenty-three opened for homestead entry on August

Max Warnke, a farmer living near The site of a rourist camp has been Sterling, has purchased fifteen acres of selected by the Community club of land and has a crew of men busy Geneva and it will be put in order at erecting a fence about the premises, once. The grounds of the Third ward building a swimming pool, dance paschool building have been turned over villion and refreshment booth. A basefor this use by the board of education. ball diamond will be laid out and an County Superintendent M. E. Barbee of Hebron has appointed Frank Babka

Mayor Green has arranged for free and Lowell Scheiferdecker, both of hose baths to be provided by the fire Belvidere, to represent Thayer county

GOT SMALL FEES

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Noted Lecturers Certainly Not Overpaid for Services.

### John B. Gough, for Instance, Is Said to Have Received the Huge Sum of \$1 for One Evening.

"I wonder what Charlie Chaplin or some other famous personage of the stage or screen would say if he were offered 12 bushels of potatoes or a ham for an evening's work?"

It was the old grouch himself, speaking to a fellow worker during the lunch hour in a busy downtown office, according to the Chicago Daily News. The old grouch had just finished reading an article in which present-day salaries of stage and screen stars were spoken of, and it might be said that the reading of this bit of news certainly did not tend to brighten up his groomy disposition the least bit.

But the fact remains that people equally as well known in their day worked an evening for potatoes, a ham and other triffing amounts, for the old grouch himself said he knew it to be a fact. One of his co-workers asked to he shown and he was.

In the good old lyceum days back in 1852, when John B. Gough was in his prime, it is disclosed that he received about \$1 a lecture, each lecture taking about three hours;

And it can be seen from files of newspapers that once at Andover. N. H., those responsible for the lecture paid Mr. Gough with a ham instead of with currency, and the speaker was apparently satisfied with this fee.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, who was one of the shining stars of the lecture world during his day, was glad to accept \$5 as payment for an evening. while the old grouch pointed out that one time Henry Ward Beecher was paid 12 bushels of potatoes for an evening of his time.

According to the records, it was in 1859 when the cost of lecturers started to rise. During that year the Salem lyceum astounded the people of that community by paying Daniel Webster \$100 for a two-hour talk, and it created a mild sensation.

This doubtless "started something." for after that prices continued to rise. In the 70's Mark Twain held out for and received \$300 a night.

Then Beecher, taking his cue from Twain, became a holdout and he continued to hold out until the ante for one night of his services had been raised to \$1,000, this being the very first \$1,000 fee ever paid a lecturer In this or any other country.

Major Pond, accepting the \$1,000 mark, later contracted with Henry M, Stanley for a series of 100 lectures, agreeing to pay him \$100,000 for ---them. The major did not lose any money on this in spite of the fact that every other promoter in the country was convinced of the fact that he had

"It's not right," the old grouch con-

About that time the lunch period

ended, much to the delight of the oth-

er workers, who were trying to relax

and who could not because of the old

Slavs Copy American Ways.

American methods in social, educa-

tional and recreational work are being

Slovakia, the people of which have

quickly adapted themselves to our

leadership and training, according to

Miss Eleanor Prudden, director of the

Prudden recently returned to America

Upon the invitation of the Czecho-

Slovak government, the Young Wom-

en's Christian association. In some in-

stances jointly with the Young Men's

Christian association, for the last year

has been conducting demonstration

work to develop native leadership,

said Miss Prudden. The association

will be able to withdraw early in 1922,

as arranged in advance, leaving its

established program intact for perma-

nent development .- New York Times.

for a short leaveof absence.

grouch and his wailing.

Found in Chicago please," he asked them. Blerndt Decrepit Old John Shebec Took But One Dose and Did Some Great Stunts. "DICK'S" STAF

away.

**Elixir of Youth** 

Senile Cripple Overtook Trolley Car however, by a citizen who burst from and Would Have Defeated Police

GLIMPSE OF

Flivver if the Street Crowds Had Not Hampered Him.

Chicago .- John Shebec, who is 67 "Aha," quoth Bierndt, "come with years old, discovered the elixir of me."

bit exorbitant. He was interrupted, the corner saloon. He Sees a Star.

"You old rascal, 1 just gave you carfare," shouted the man.

The next instant Shebec was ten

he was scarcely discernible for dust.

"Holy haste !" exclaimed Bierndt.

"That guy's exceeding the speed limit.

The detectives jumped into their

"Too Durned Slow."

No use! With an easy leap Shebec

had achieved the step. Then he

looked behind him and saw that the

police flivver was making better time

"You're too durned slow," said he to

the conductor-and off he jumped. The

found twenty \$1 bills and about \$5 in

"I think I'll enter that bird in the

than the street car.

saw in pants."

figures,

What he needs is a pair of brakes."

amphitheatre provided. youth the other day. . Before taking He exhibited his star. One casual

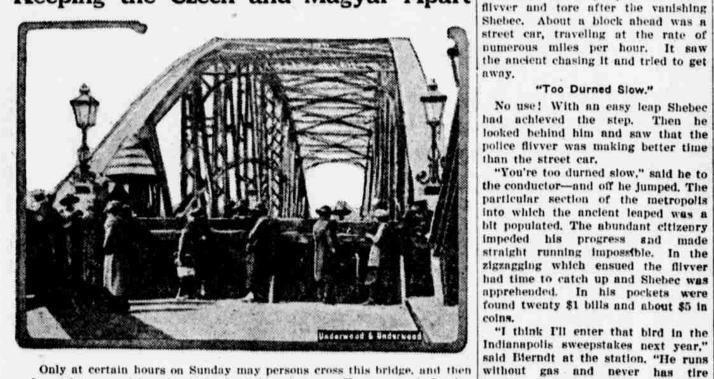
started to explain that transportation in this City of the Horn may be purchased, theoretically, at a nickel a ride -and, if one is traveling in the suburbs outside the precincts of the city hall, at 8 cents. He meant to follow up this information with a remark that the old man's two-bit demand was a

out gunning for Guffey-Gillesple stock, lessly senile. After one dose he was a marvelous transformation. It penealthough it had earned \$9 a share the able to hop a speeding street car, trated the ancient's system instanter year before. Guffey began the fight outrace a flyver, and stand on his ear. and invested his feet with a zest for which ended Tuesday in total defeat. Putting in almost every dollar he had Detective Sergeants Blerndt and and borrowing \$2,000,000, he formed a Janaczak at Western avenue and Madipool to "peg" the stock with New York son street. He was limping. and Pittsburgh friends,

Last summer Guffey found the bears he was stooped, lame, decrepit, hope- glance at the glittering elixir worked Mr. Shebec was first observed by voyage. yards away. The instant after that

"Give me a quarter for carfare,

# Keeping the Czech and Magyar Apart



Only at certain hours on Sunday may persons cross this bridge, and then under strict supervision, for it is the bridge between Hungary and Czecho- trouble. He's the fastest thing I ever slovakia, over the Donau river, at Extergon, Hungary.

#### TRAVELERS either let at rentals of from 300 to PROFITEERS ANGER 1,000 per cent higher than the average before the war for furnished apart-

### **Extertion** Practiced in Paris Arouses Americans.

### French Authorities Tell Them the Remedy is in Their Own Hands.

Paris .- The effect of the high cost of living in Paris upon tourist trade, as indicated by the growing frequency of complaints of extortion by Americans visiting France, is occupying the attention of the government.

The authorities hold that the tourists have the cure largely in their own hands, exaggerated prices being due in large part to indiscriminate spending by visitors, aided by the spendthrift tendency of French profiteers.

It is admitted that abuses practiced in amusement resorts, where meals, wine and dancing are provided. have their effect upon prices in gen-

eral, but how to correct that evil without discouraging the most profit-

able trade is a question. Undersecretary of State Palsant, discussing the question with Americans, proposes publicity as a remedy. He has invited American visitors to join in a protest which will be published in the Paris press, and he also will take up personally individual

cases of extortion brought to his attention.

The most frequent causes of complaint are charges for lodgings in hotels and apartments. Mr. Palsant told the Americans he had decided to ask hotels to publish their rates in the papers. This remedy would not, how-

ever, affect apartments, which are the subject of profiteering on a scale hitherto unknown.

There are very few unfurnished the Wistar Institute of Anatomy. The apartments to let, according to the building will be entirely devoted to the real estate agencies; as fast as housing of the thousands of rodents vacated by tenants, they are trans- kept by the institute for it biological formed into furnished apartments and research work.

department for all Fremont children who want to participate. About 100 youngsters turned out for the first showers given and hundreds of persons crowded round to see the fun.

The island park of Ord has been developed into a playground. A new bath house has been built and pumps, fireplaces and tables have been installed. Contributions have been made by some of the town's business men Recognition by the New York Art

gallery has been accorded Mrs. John W. Johnson of Harvard, "ormerly of Hastings, Three of Mrt. Johnson's paintings were landrapes and one a girl's head.

Omaha Elks have glosed the deal by which they come into possession of the vacant property at Eighteenth and Dodge streets. On this property they will soon courmence the erection of a \$1,000,000 home.

Miss Alle Burke, of Geneva, has re ceived an appointment to the depart-

ment ed vocational training of the United States government, and has left for Washington, D. C.

At a recent meeting of the Congregational church at Geneva plans were

made to start a fund for the erection straight running impossible. In the of a new church building. The wheat crop in Kieth and Perkins 6. Inties is exceptionally fine this year, apprehended. In his pockets were and will average close to twenty-five bushels to the acre.

> Blair's municipal ice plant turned Jut its first batch of ice. The plant stand. has a six-ton capacity and has a day and night shift.

The old ice pond at Emerson is being cement lined and will be used as a swimming pool. It will be 90x300 ing in damaging numbers in the southfeet.

A light yield of wheat is reported in the Pawnee City community, but a bumper corn crop is practically asments of the same class, or rented at sured.

tion with restrooms and lavatory for The first complaint of a shortage of cars to move the new grain crop has women and children and another for been received by the state railway com- men.

mission. An elevator man of Prince-During the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities to ton, Lancaster county, complained by be held in Omaha September 13-24 telephone to the state railway commis- there will be a reunion of the 34th sion that unless he received some cars Division of the American Expeditionbefore night he would be in a serious ary Forces. It is anticipated that this condition. He had bought 10,000 will bring together 8,000 to 10,000 of bushels of wheat at \$1.05 a bushel and the boys who saw overseas service could get no cars to ship. during the World's War.

The Ulysses flour mills have received The interstate aero meet, the first an order for 70,000 pounds of flour to ever held in Nebraska, has just closed and British Columbia are expected to be shipped to Scotland some time in at Nelson, and was a great success. July. The mills are running day and No accidents happened during the night to fill the order and to keep up three days' program.

Figures made public by the weather To have 2,200 volts of electricity bureau show that the average maxipass through his body and yet live to mum temperature in Omaha for the tell the tale, is the peculiar experience first thirteen days of July this year is of Ruby Smith. Going to the building 4 degrees higher than the average for in which the switch and other equip- July days during the past forty years. ment of the Belvidere electric light The average July temperature for the plant is located, he took hold of the last forty years was given as 86, lock on the door and was knocked whereas the average so far this year down. He will recover. has been 90.

at the boys school encampment at the become weak-minded in his advanced Nebraska State Fair, September 4-9. years. The fact that the first of this The first consolidation of schools efseries of lectures given in New York fected in Cheyenne county under the netted \$17,600 proved that the major new law was successfully carried out

was not so wrong after all. at Lorenzo, Three districts have united and a large school will be tinued, "Here we work hard week erected at Lorenzo. after week for a small pittance and

A heavy windstorm which struck these lecturers, actors, fighters and Bloomfield, blew out the plate glass ball players get thousands of dollars front at the Prescott & Son-furniture for a few hours of fun. There ought store. Many trees were blown down to be a law against it." and damage is reported to growing crops

K. C. Christensen's seven year old boy had both legs badly cut in the mowing machine at their home near Blair. It is thought the lad's limbs

can be saved. James H. Hewett has been nominated for receiver of public moneys at Alliance, Nebr., and Jules Haumont for adopted by the new republic of Czechoregister of the land office at Broken Bow, Nebr.

The state convention of rural letter carriers will be held in York August 8 and 9. Governor McKelvie will ad- work of the Young Women's Christian dress the association on the second association in Czecho-Slovakia. Miss day.

The steeple of the Methodist church at Cambridge was destroyed by fire when struck by lightning during the

worst electrical storm in years. The potato crop in the vicinity of Hemingford is about twice last year's acreage with about two-thirds of a

Friend is now making arrangements for a three days Baseball Tournament to be held there August 24, 25 and 26. Chinch bugs are reported as exist-

ern part of Thayer county.

Watch for Dying Trees. People are willing to let a tree Columbus is to have a new band starve to death, but when it comes to stand, and the estimated cost of the letting an animal starve, it is an enstructure is \$5,000. Beneath the band tirely different thing. They either stand will be the public comfort stafeed or kill the animal. Why not be as humane to the tree and cut it down

to end the slow death? A tree does not show starvation as much as an animal, but as soon as it shows lack of vitality it should arouse suspicion on the part of the owner and he should ascertain the cause, taking steps to remedy it or else cut down the tree.

### A Hurry Call,

Sir Philip Sassoon, who is now Lloyd George's secretary, was formerly the secretary of Sir Douglas Halg, from whom he received the following telegram last Easter day:

"Christ is risen. May want a secretary."-From L'Europe Nouvelle.

### Long Time Ago!

Jud Tunkins says he can remember when every home had a picture of a soldier or a statesman in the parlor, instead of the photographs of a motion picture star.

contribute about 3,000,000 pounds to

the total, \$30,000 Home for White Rats.

Alberta's wool clip is estimated at 2.200,000, which is about the same as last year. Manitoba, Saskatchewan

an increase of 200 to 300 per cent

above the average for unfurnished

apartments, with the proviso that the

tenant buy the furniture at excessive

Winnipeg, Man .- The wool clip for western Canada this year will be in

Wool Clip of West, the neighborhood of 5,000,000 pounds.

the local supply. New York .-- A \$30,000 home for white rats will soon be erected by