

CASE REVERSED, ASKS FREEDOM

Undercover Agent Convicted of Killing Now Wants Dismissal

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Following reversal by the supreme court of a decision in Lincoln county convicting C. H. Runyan of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Harry Sollars, of North Platte, attorneys for Runyan have filed a brief asking the higher court to go further and to enter an order dismissing Runyan for want of sufficient evidence to charge him with manslaughter.

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Two men from northeastern Nebraska were under the plum tree when Secretary Frost of the state department of public welfare shook it today. L. C. Hewitt, of Neigh, was named to succeed L. M. Jones, on the board of optometry examiners, and Fred J. Crutz, of Wausa, takes the place of C. A. McVicker, of Gothenburg on the pharmacy board.

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Sentences of three years each in the reformatory were given Jack Stoddard, 19 years old, Jacob Baker, 19 years old, John Sader, 18 years old, and Jack Reich, 16 years old, who were arrested in Kearney, Tuesday night.

Wayne, Neb., (Special)—Mrs. C. E. Wilson, wife of Professor Wilson, head of the biology department of the Wayne State Normal, has recently received a request from Prof. Peterson of the University at Copenhagen, Denmark, for permission to publish certain drawings from her master thesis on "Reduction Divisions in the Pollen Mother Cells of the Allium Triocicum."

Ph. D. from Indiana. Evidence of rabies found in cat's head. Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—Positive evidence of the existence of rabies is reported by the state laboratory to have been found in the head of a cat sent in by Dr. A. G. Raash, of Ainsworth. Dr. John D. Ried, of Pilger, has sent in the head of the dog killed on suspicion of having been similarly afflicted.

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FARM MOTOR TRUCKS MUST PAY FULL RATE, HE RULES. Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Nebraska's new law making an \$8 rate instead of \$15 for all farm motor trucks weighing not more than 2,000 pounds and having a carrying capacity of not more than 2,000 pounds, has been virtually nullified by a ruling of Attorney General Spillman, county treasurers from outstate report. Thousands of licenses issued to farmers will have to be recalled, and the extra \$7 charged, it was said.

The attorney general's office has construed the law to apply to the total weight of body, chassis and cab, which will bring the Ford truck weight well over 2,000 pounds and the Chevrolet truck to nearly 3,000 pounds.

FALL FAR, ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT

Three Passengers in Auto That Went Off Omaha Viaduct

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Frank Smith, his sister, Mary Smith, and cousin, Leona Black, escaped serious injury when their automobile broke through the guard rail of a viaduct in South Omaha last evening and fell 60 feet to a railroad track below.

The machine was pulled from the tracks but a few minutes before a Rock Island passenger train was due to pass the spot.

Miss Smith suffered slight body bruises and lacerations of the left leg.

Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Homer Dobbs was bound over to district court in the sum of \$500 bond, at county court here by Judge McDonald. Dobbs is accused of forging the names of Casper Theisen, of Osmond, and three others in Knox county. He was not able to furnish bond and was remanded to jail.

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SEEK CONTROL NEBRASKA G.O.P.

Former Governor McKelvie Heads Group Opposed to Lowden and Norris

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—Two groups of delegates will appear before voters of Nebraska at the primaries, it became evidence today with announcement of a group headed by former Governor S. R. McKelvie, which will run against the Norris-Lowden compromise group expected soon to be announced by factions led by Governor McMullen and C. A. Sorenson, Lowden and Norris exponents respectively.

"Many republicans believe that Nebraska should discontinue a policy of protest and take its place as a constructive influence in the councils of the party," the statement issued today said. It declared that "only by a constructive policy can republicans of Nebraska hope to so shape the national policy of the party as to secure recognition of western men and the needs of the agricultural west."

Petitions are being mailed for following delegates at large: S. R. McKelvie, former governor and now editor of the Nebraska Farmer; C. F. Reavis, of Lincoln, former member of congress; Norris Brown, of Omaha attorney general of Nebraska and United States senator; A. W. Jeffries, of Omaha, former member of congress; Charles H. Sloan of Geneva former member of congress; George C. Junkin, of Smithfield, former secretary of state; C. N. Wright of Scottsbluff, banker and farmer.

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FEDERAL CENSUS NOT GUIDE IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)—The last federal census is not the final word in determining population, the supreme court held today, in declaring invalid the act of the Nebraska legislature of 1925 on this point.

Salaries of county officers in Nebraska are fixed by population. Prior to 1924 Buffalo county, with Kearney as county seat, had under 24,000 population. The county supervisors recently held that the county had more than 24,000 inhabitants and thus automatically increased the pay of county officials.

Alexander H. Gordon, a taxpayer, made a test case of the law by seeking to hold up the salary of County Attorney Read, which had been raised from \$1,500 to \$1,800. The supreme court held in favor of the county official, declaring the legislative act an infringement upon a provision of the constitution which places authority to determine population with the judiciary.

The decision may affect similar disputes in several Nebraska counties.

BIG REWARD IS NOT APPROVED

Attorney General of Nebraska Fears Innocent Persons Might Suffer

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WALTHILL PASTOR HAS 50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Walthill, Neb., (Special)—Rev. J. Bruce Wylie, pastor of the Methodist church of Walthill, celebrated his fiftieth birthday with a dinner in the church basement, Friday evening, January 20.

About 150 invitations were sent out to the members and friends of the church and a goodly number were present. The ladies served the dinner with the young ladies of Rev. Wylie's Sunday School class as waitresses.

Out of town guests were Rev. L. Jost, pastor of the Methodist church at Bender, an old friend of Rev. Wylie, who responded to a toast, "The man of 50 and the Church." Rev. W. D. Hamilton, pastor of the Methodist church at Rosalie, responded to a toast "The Best Side of 50."

Mrs. Frank Brown, of Berkeley, Cal., who was visiting in the Wylie home, spoke on "Sunny Cal.," and the Rev. W. O. Jones, pastor of the Federated church at Decatur spoke on "The Dead Line of Life."

Rev. Mr. Wylie acted as toast-master and in a happy way introduced each speaker and all present pronounce him a master in that line.

After the program candles were lighted about the tables and the lights were turned out and the pastor was presented with a huge birthday cake covered with lighted candles all of which were extinguished at one blow.

Then Mrs. Walter Smullen in a few well chosen words presented the pastor with a plate filled with 50 cent pieces and all departed wishing the pastor many happy returns of the day.

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Omaha schools in 1927 were operated on a \$500,000 smaller budget than for 1926, when there was a deficit of \$300,000. This was done by eliminating 125 teachers and through other economies. President E. R. Burke said further reductions could be made if necessary without overworking the teaching force.

Lincoln, Neb., (Special)—The state railway commission has turned down the complaint made by E. J. Huigns of Creighton against the Interstate Transit lines, a bus company, on which a feminine member of the family took a recent trip. He wanted the unused part of the transportation refunded because the bus broke down. The driver wouldn't say how soon he could get a going, and the young woman took another car in order to catch her date. The bus was soon in shape, and made the trip. The commission says that as it has no jurisdiction over fares, it can have none over a complaint of this kind, and it dismissed it.

The commission found that J. M. Lambers and Kline Erickson, of Hartington, were correct in their claim that they didn't owe the Minneapolis and Omaha anything in addition to the half rate on a hay shipment. The railroad company authorities admitted that it was an emergency shipment, and entitled to the half rate.

Omaha Auto Club is in favor of Blair bridge. Omaha, Neb., (UP)—Directors of the Omaha Auto club last night unanimously voted full approval of the proposal to build a bridge across the Missouri river at Blair. The American Automobile association had asked the club for an expression. Directors did not believe the Blair bridge would divert Lincoln highway traffic from Omaha, but indicated that even if it would they still would be in favor of a bridge at that point.

Newcastle, Neb., (Special)—The Walter Sorenson family are having a stroke of ill luck. Following an attack of the flu, Mrs. Sorenson was taken to the St. Joseph's hospital in Sioux City and operated on for double mastoid. While taking his wife to the hospital, Walter Sorenson was stricken with an attack of sinus trouble and he also was operated on. The couple have a 6-year-old daughter at home seriously ill with double pneumonia. A nurse is attending the child.

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