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## CROWE IS ACQUITTED

### NOT GUILTY OF KIDNAPING, THE JURY SAYS.

#### Prisoner is at Once Rearrested on the Charge of Robbery in Iowa and Taken to Jail to Await Another Trial.

At Omaha, Neb., Pat Crowe was found not guilty at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. The crowd cheered so loudly that the judge ordered the court room cleared.

Crowe was accused of kidnaping the son of E. A. Cudahy, the millionaire packer.

Eddie Cudahy was kidnaped on the night of Dec. 19, 1900, and a day or two later his father in response to a letter left in his front yard placed \$25,000 in gold at a point near the Fremont road west of the city and the boy was returned to his home unharmed.

The boy identified a picture of Crowe as that of one of the two men who kidnaped him and to stimulate the search for him Mr. Cudahy, Sr. offered a reward of \$50,000 for Crowe's arrest. Some time later James Callahan was arrested and identified by Young Cudahy as one of his captors. He was tried, but as there was at that time no law making the kidnaping of a person over 10 years of age a crime, and as it could not be shown that Callahan received any of the money, he was acquitted.

Last October Crowe was arrested at Butte, Mont., on Feb. 7, he was placed on trial charged with robbery. There was introduced as evidence for the prosecution a letter purporting to have been written by Crowe to Father Murphy, of Vail, Ia., in which the kidnaping is admitted, and the writer says he has offered to return \$21,000 to Mr. Cudahy if he would be merciful to him. The letter expresses the writer's desire to plead guilty and have sentence suspended to permit him to make a new start in life.

As soon as the verdict of acquittal was announced the authorities from Council Bluffs, with a requisition indorsed by Gov. Mickey, rearrested the prisoner, and he was taken across the river to stand trial on a charge of street car robbery.

## DOUBLE CHICAGO HANGING.

### Two Men Who Had Murdered People Are Put to Death.

John Mueller and Robert Newcomb (colored) who had each murdered three people, were hanged at Chicago Friday in the county jail.

Muller wantonly killed his wife and two young children in January, 1905. Drink and an unhappy domestic life were ascribed as the causes for the murder. Muller protested his innocence, claiming the murder was committed by burglars.

Crazed with liquor, Newcomb shot and killed his mistress and a colored man he found in her company. While resisting arrest Newcomb shot and killed Police Sergeant Shine, for whose murder he paid the penalty.

## PICK UP MILLIONS.

### Sensational Charges Against Cincinnati Financiers.

Sensational charges were made in a suit filed in the federal court at Cincinnati by attorneys for Rudolph Kleyboldt, a Cincinnati banker, seeking an investigation of the Miami and Erie the "Electric Mule."

The charge is that financiers of Cleveland, whose names are mentioned as defendants, floated \$2,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000 in stock on the sole strength of \$10,000 paid up capital stock in that company, that the stock and bonds being placed on the market were taken in good faith by hundreds of innocent investors in Cincinnati and elsewhere.

### Loubet Says Farewell to Cabinet.

President Loubet Friday presided for the last time at the council of ministers at Paris. He showed emotion in thanking the cabinet for its support and hoped the same ministers would continue their labors.

### First Bath in Fifty Years.

Nicholas Hoffman, of Sheboygan, Wis., who is 64 years old, bathed Friday for the first time in fifty years. He made a vow when he was 14

### A Remarkable Suicide.

With the greatest deliberation F. R. Avery, treasurer of the Avery Manufacturing company of Peoria, Ill., committed suicide by breaking the ice on a small lake near Centerville, Ill., and holding his head under water.

### Fear More Seismic Shocks.

Confirmation of reports of loss of life by a tidal wave following a submarine earthquake on January 31 has been brought to Panama by the captain of the steamer Quito, which arrived from Guayaquil. Other seismic shocks are feared.

### St. Louis Live Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the St. Louis City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.00@5.00. Top hogs, \$5.90

## A BANK IS WRECKED.

### Receiver Named for New Chicago Concern.

The Bank of America at Chicago, incorporated last December with a capital of \$250,000, was placed in the hands of a receiver at 10 o'clock Thursday night by Judge Chytraus, of the superior court, on complaint of John E. Kavanaugh, one of the stockholders. The bill asking for the receivership holds former Judge Abner Smith, president, and three other officials of the bank responsible for the insolvency of the institution.

In the few weeks since the opening of the bank President Smith is charged with having so manipulated securities, mortgages and notes and the stock of the bank that he has obtained amounts aggregating \$146,000. The other three officials, who, in connection with President Smith, are held responsible for the alleged insolvency of the bank, are G. F. Sorrow, vice president; Jerome V. Pierce, cashier, and F. E. Creelman, a stockholder and director.

It is charged against these officials that together with President Smith they had absolute control of the bank and its funds. The operations of President Smith and the other officials mentioned in the bill are said to have begun as soon as the bank opened for business, Smith is said to then have borrowed money and placed it in the treasury to deceive the state into believing that the stock had been paid up. President Smith was one of the prime movers in the formation of the bank, having subscribed for \$70,000 of the stock. In order to prevent, if possible, a panic and a possible run on the bank it was decided to file the bill for the appointment of a receiver late Thursday night.

Judge Chytraus and the clerk of the superior court had been asked to be in their office, and agreed to do so. Shortly before 10 o'clock attorneys representing Mr. Kavanaugh appeared with the petition for a receiver. Notice had been served previously on President Smith, but he did not appear either in person or by attorney. After reading the bill the court entered an order appointing Daniel J. Healy, a stockholder, receiver. Bonds of \$150,000 were furnished and Mr. Healy took charge of the bank.

## MANY SWALLOWED BY SEA.

### A Tidal Wave Caused by Earthquake Causes Heavy Loss of Life.

Passengers from the province of Esmeraldas, in the extreme northwestern part of Ecuador, who arrived at Guayaquil, report that earthquake shocks were felt there Jan. 31 and that several towns in the province of Esmeraldas and Manabi were seriously damaged. At Esmeraldas City several houses collapsed, including the government house.

The village of Pinguagi, near the Colombian frontier, was inundated by a tidal wave and many inhabitants were drowned. Ninety bodies were washed ashore at Tumaco. At Rio Verde several houses collapsed. During eight days twenty-five shocks were felt in Esmeraldas. The Colombian village of Guacada also was inundated by a tidal wave and 200 persons were drowned. The eruption of the Colombian volcano of Cumbal caused the earthquakes.

## DOUGHERTY BONDSMEN FREE.

### Peoria School Board Takes Action After Stormy Session.

After an exceedingly stormy session, the school inspectors of Peoria, Ill., adopted a resolution, the clauses of which release from liability the forgers and embezzlement of N. C. Dougherty, all the treasurers and the bondsmen of the past eighteen years, the Peoria National Bank and all other banks which have handled school funds in eighteen years since Dougherty became secretary of the school board.

## TRAIN HITS CHILDREN.

### Seven Severely Hurt in an Accident in Michigan.

A Flint, Mich., dispatch says: Seven school children were severely injured, three of them perhaps fatally, when a Pere Marquette freight train crashed into a wagon in which thirteen children were being driven from the district school to Grand Blanc village Thursday.

A high grade shuts off the view of the railroad tracks from the road at the crossing where the accident occurred.

## Methodists for "Open Shop."

At the meeting of Methodist editors and publishing managers of the United States at Cincinnati, O., it was decided that every printing establishment controlled by the Methodist Book Concern shall hereafter be run on the "open shop" plan.

## Earthquake in Colombia.

An earthquake of considerable magnitude, which, however, did little serious damage, was reported at New York by the steamer Sarnia, which has arrived from Cartagena, a seaport of Colombia. The shock was felt on Jan. 31.

## Punch's Editor Resigns.

Sir Francis Burnard has resigned the editorship of London Punch. Mr. Burnard has been associated with that periodical for forty-four years and has edited it for a quarter of a century.

## Cold in Minnesota.

A Winona, Minn., special says: Street thermometers registered 24 to 30 degrees below zero Thursday morning.

## WARNING BY CONGER.

### Ex-Minister Predicts Big Uprising in China.

Edwin H. Conger, for many years United States minister to China, and who is staying at Pasadena, Cal., for the winter, is quoted in an interview on the present anti-foreign agitation in China as follows:

"The United States should warn China against a repetition of the terrible riots of a few years ago.

"A show of warships should be made to impress upon the government of China that troubles must not be repeated and will not be tolerated.

"I am satisfied that serious trouble will come, but do not expect that it will be directed especially against the United States, but will be against the reigning Manchu dynasty.

"The Manchurians are insignificant in numbers and the present uprising is for the purpose of establishing a new dynasty and not to oust foreigners," continued Mr. Conger.

"The most violent disturbances will be in the southern provinces and will endanger all foreign interests.

"Americans within the zone of the rebellion are liable to be hurt before they can get out and that is why the United States should let China know that it will not tolerate or an instant anything inimical to the interests of its citizens.

"If the Chinese can be impressed that we are on the alert and that we mean business our interests will be secure.

"If China is permitted to think that it can ignore our interests something terrible will happen.

"The trouble now will be a great struggle within the empire—a battle of popular majority against the dynastic minority. It has been coming for many years and has now apparently reached a climax.

"I believe the boycott on American goods is now beginning to operate against the Chinese themselves. Chinese merchants long before this boycott was instituted stocked their establishments with goods from the United States. When the boycott was declared these merchants could not or dared not sell their goods.

"We learned a lesson in 1900, and China learned one, too. Our experience should compel us to take every precaution.

"In the future it would be the part of wisdom to have our warships and troops ready if only for the purpose of letting China know that we are watching her."

## BURNED IN A WRECK.

### Two Perish in Accident on St. Louis and Frisco.

A St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train, north bound, was wrecked at Columbus, Kan., early Wednesday.

Harry Roundtree, of Fort Scott, express messenger, and a newsboy, name unknown, were burned to death. An unknown passenger dropped dead while trying to rescue the train crew. A few passengers were slightly hurt.

The engineer and fireman were injured. The train ran into a string of box cars that had broken loose from a freight train.

The entire passenger train, except the sleeper, was burned.

## TROOPS AT HER DOOR.

### Government Plans to Rush Soldiers to China.

A Washington dispatch says: Active preparations are being carried on at the war department with a view to being fully prepared for any outbreak which may occur as a result of the anti-foreign agitation throughout the Chinese empire. Officers of the government, from President Roosevelt down, are much perturbed, and while some are so optimistic as to say that there is a "good chance that there will be no trouble," all are actively interested in the work of preparation.

Just now President Roosevelt and his advisers are contemplating sending another regiment of infantry to the Philippines.

## Lake Barge to Be Raised.

The barge Manila, which was recently released on Encampment island, where she went ashore Nov. 28 last, and which sank in thirty feet of water, will be raised immediately and taken to the Superior shipyards, where she will receive the machinery of the wrecked steamer Lafayette and become a steel trust steamer.

## One Killed and Seven Hurt.

One man was killed and seven injured at the plant of the Illinois Steel Company, South Chicago, Ill., Wednesday, when a workman struck with a shovel some dynamite left lying in a trench in which the men were digging.

## Fowler Bill Indorsed.

At Washington the house committee on banking and currency agreed Wednesday to make a favorable report on the Fowler bill authorizing the issuance of \$5 and \$10 gold certificates by the secretary of the treasury.

## Union Pacific Dividend.

The directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at New York Wednesday declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on the company's common stock.

## Indianian Killed by a Goose.

At Kokomo, Ind., former Councilman Samuel Wagman, a poultry dealer, died Wednesday from blood poisoning caused by the bite of a goose.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Will Be an Inquiry—Fire to Be Turned on Nebraska Insurance—Attorney General to Conduct Investigation Under Junkin Act.

A Lincoln special says: The alleged combination of Nebraska insurance companies will be investigated by Attorney General Brown.

This investigation will be conducted under the provisions of the Junkin act, just declared constitutional by the supreme court.

The alleged grain, coal and lumber combinations will also be investigated. Insurance Auditor Pierce, one of the five insurance commissioners to look into the methods of insurance companies, stated that the report of the investigators would recommend radical changes in the methods of bookkeeping of the New York Life and suggest a different policy for the foreign business. He declared the companies knew what was in the report and would hasten to make some of the changes before it was made public.

Secretary of State Galusha has announced that he would proceed against the big corporations that have not incorporated in Nebraska. He will first attack the Brearley Creamery Company, incorporated at Des Moines, and the Standard Oil Company.

The attorney general will start suit to make them pay incorporation fees on the entire capital stock or they will be ejected from the state if possible.

## Mule's Kick Fatal.

Adolph, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koch, living near Seward, was fatally kicked by a mule just above the eye on Monday. The mule was rolling on the ground and the boy picked up a puppy which he threw on it, when the mule jumped up and delivered the kick. A doctor rendered all assistance possible but the child died.

## Gifts for Mail Carriers.

Rural mail carriers all over Nebraska have received little stick pins, gifts from a big Chicago mail order house. Last year each carrier received a small outfit consisting of a pen, pencil and a notebook. The country merchants in several towns have taken steps to outdo the Chicago house in this form of advertising.

## New Town is Prospering.

The new town of Uehling, on the Great Northern, will be quite a place when the first passenger train reaches it. Fifty lots have been sold already. Four stores are running, a saloon, one bank and another soon to begin business. A number of dwellings are going up and an independent elevator is soon to be put in.

## Husband Gets Off Easy.

The fact that Mrs. U. G. Hoon lived with her father in Sioux City for several years saved her husband from punishment for wife desertion at Lincoln. Judge Holmes declared that Hoon was guilty, but instructed the jury to set him free because the wife lived in Iowa when the offense was committed.

## Car and Passengers Fumigated.

Dr. McCabe at North Platte was called upon last Saturday to fumigate a car and the passengers in it on train No. 8. A case of smallpox developed on the tourist car and the patient was taken off at Ogden, and here the precaution was taken to prevent others from taking the disease.

## An Honest Driver.

A check for \$3,259.52, which had been lost by Henry Fishback, the poultry dealer, at Beatrice was found by Lester Lewis, driver of the Adams Express company's wagon, who promptly turned it over to Mr. Fishback. The check was negotiable, having been endorsed by Mr. Fishback.

## Brakeman Instantly Killed.

Henry Hall, a brakeman on the Missouri Pacific Railway, living at Auburn, was killed Saturday at Louisville. He was coupling the air brakes when his foot was caught and he was thrown under the car and cut in two in the middle, and also one foot severed from the body.

## Corn Sheller Mangles Hand.

J. M. Lash, of Beatrice, while operating a corn sheller on the Funk farm, southeast of the city, had his right hand badly mangled by getting the member caught in the cog wheels of the machinery. The attending physician has hopes of saving the hand.

## Heavy Snow at Neligh.

Neligh had the heaviest fall of snow of the season Tuesday night accompanied with a strong wind. The ice men have been favored lately with fine weather for their business and have finished harvesting their crop. The ice is of a fine quality and thickness.

## Riprap Work in Danger.

Government riprap work costing half a million dollars is threatened with destruction by the action of the Missouri River at Rulo, which shows a disposition to change its channel.

## Burglars at Havelock.

Burglars broke in the back door of William Ladd's saloon at Havelock, broke open the cash register and took the drawer and contents, amounting to \$20 and several checks.

## Farm Hand Arrested.

E. Piper, a farm hand from Madison, and T. O. Botcheer, an ice chopper from that place were arrested at Norfolk and sent back to Madison on the charge of stealing \$57.50 from Phillip Knapp, Piper's employer.

## Iowa Postmasters.

At Washington, D. C. the senate in executive session Tuesday confirmed the following postmasters: James Harvey Johnson, Logan; Joe Morton, Sheldon; Charles J. Wonsler, Tama

## BEET GROWERS ORGANIZING.

### Have Many Grievances Against the Standard Company.

A North Platte dispatch says: The spirit manifest elsewhere for beet growers to organize has become rife in Lincoln County and is being carried into careful plans of organization for the benefit of those who grow the vegetable. A meeting has been called at the court house of Lincoln County, in North Platte, for the purpose of organizing a county association of beet growers. In this county the agitation began at Sutherland and the conditions are ripe for a successful organization of all the beet growers in the county.

The causes which have brought about this state of affairs are many grievances which the growers have had with the Standard Beet Sugar Company.

## BOY PREVENTS A WRECK.

### Stops Passenger Train Just Before Reaching Broken Rail.

A dispatch from Grand Island says the 12-year-old son of Milton Hudson, residing near Elba, prevented a costly wreck on the Ord branch of the Union Pacific. He discovered that one of the rails near his home had been broken the night previous by a freight train, leaving a gap in the track of about 18 inches.

In the blinding storm which was raging at the time, he succeeded in attracting the attention of Engineer Rollins, who was in the cab of the engine of the morning passenger train, by waving a gunny sack. The train was stopped but a short distance in front of the broken rail.

## Ice Workers Strike.

Clearwater, a village of 500, had a full fledged strike the other day, the first in the history of Antelope County. The ice men were the strikers, and they took advantage of the shortness of the season and the ice famine that stares the town in the face for next summer to issue a demand for a raise in their wages. The raise was not granted and the workmen struck. Recruits who were secured by the employers were shouted down by the strikers, their wives and their children with cries of "scab," and then they, too, dropped their tools and quit, so that there is nothing doing on the ice.

## Settlers Are Coming In.

Last August found North Platte well filled with strangers who took Kinkaid homesteads. This month brings a goodly number to their lands and others hunting for more lands. Every day a number, not large, but several, come to North Platte and from there go to the lands upon which they filed almost six months ago. Most of them are in wagons with a supply of provisions and some stock and are making preparations to build homes.

## Widow Gets Damages.

The widow of W. R. Webb, of Plattsmouth, brought suit against the Burlington Company to collect the sum of \$15,000 for damages caused by her husband falling from the Burlington bridge at Plattsmouth, which caused his death. The case was settled out of court and the company paid the widow, who has since been married again, the sum of \$3,000.

## Boy Accidentally Shot Himself.

Willie Kurth, of Chadron, aged 12 years, bought a revolver, put it in his pocket, touched it to see if he still had his treasure, when it went off, leaving a bullet in Willie's hip, which was left there two days before the hurt of it forced Willie to own up. Now the bullet is extracted and Willie promises to do so no more.

## Trainmen Found Guilty.

Engineer Glinn and Conductor Peterson of the train that killed Mrs. Wach last fall, were found guilty of exceeding the speed limit in the district court at Schuyler. The judge will sentence the defendants in the next few days. The case will probably be appealed.

## Determined to Commit Suicide.

Richard Mankey, the man who walked into the office of County Attorney Koehnstein at Norfolk last week and declared that he was insane, has a suicidal tendency and has tried several times of late to take his own life. Mankey has been a resident of Omaha for the past ten years.

## Will Build a Court House.

I. B. Daggett, contractor of York, has been awarded the contract for building the county court house of Hayes County, at Hayes Center. Mr. Daggett will haul all the material from Palisade overland, a distance of twelve miles, as there is no railroad at Hayes Center.

## Coal Found Near Beatrice.

Prospectors near Beatrice found coal along the banks of Bear creek, on the Whittemore farm. It burns freely and has every appearance of the genuine article. A more thorough investigation will be made as soon as the frost leaves the ground.

## Greets Death with a Laugh.

After leaving a note saying, "I feel that I am losing my mind and I would rather be dead than crazy. To think about it makes me laugh. Ha, ha!" Howard R. Chapman, a wealthy farmer living near Pawnee shot himself in the head.

## Farm House Burned.

A farm house belonging to Fred Shaffer, a bachelor living about six miles north of Humboldt, burned to the ground, together with most of the contents.

## Brakeman Severely Injured.

Samuel Roadruck, a Northwest-ern brakeman, fell under a freight car at Leigh. His left arm and shoulder were badly lacerated and both shoulders were dislocated, besides being badly bruised about the head.

## New School at Nebraska City.

Arrangements are being made by St. Mary's Catholic church to open a parochial school in Nebraska City. The new school probably will occupy the building now used as a rectory.



Some state officers are mourning the expenditure of \$25 each which a smooth press agent separated them from. The man told the officers that he was representing a press association and wanted to write each a biography to be used in a volume to be issued together with the picture of the subject. It was also explained to the marked men that whenever any newspaper wanted to know anything of them the newspaper would be furnished with pictures and facts. Those of the state officers who did not take a shot at the business were Secretary of State Galusha, Auditor Searle and Superintendent McBrien. The others did and now they are mourning. One of those who invested said he had \$40 in the bank, all the money he had in the world. When he wrote his check that left \$15. Soon after making the investment one of his daughters telephoned she wanted to go to the show. The poor father had to turn her down because of a lack of funds, but he was too much hurt to tell her why he did not have the money.

Auditor Searle has not yet decided whether he will register the \$60,000 bonds issued by the school district of Grand Island, after a most exciting election held in that city. The firm which bought the bonds now claims the history of the issuance is not correct and will refuse to take them unless they are voted again at a special election. The notice for the election did not contain the location of the polling places and the company holds this invalidates the bonds. Representative Ferrar, with a committee from Grand Island, appeared before the auditor to show him the history of the bonds was correct and legal, but the matter is still under advisement. The committee asserts inasmuch as the bond election was held the same day as the general election and the county clerk has advertised the polling places for that election it was not necessary for the school board to do this. Those who favored the issuance of the bonds fear they would not carry at another election.

Warden Beemer received a bill from the warden of the Montana penitentiary for \$50, claiming the amount is owed by the state of Nebraska because the warden out there returned over to Warden Beemer Fred Pearson upon the latter's release from the Montana institution. Pearson had escaped from the Nebraska prison in 1901. The state offers a reward of \$50 for every escaped convict who is returned to the institution, but this is the first time a warden of another prison has claimed the reward.

State Treasurer Mortensen last week cancelled warrants to the amount of \$100,000 and thus reduced the debt against the state by that amount. These warrants have been drawing interest since Sept. 1, 1904. Thus at this time the state treasurer is behind in meeting the warrants about seventeen months, while some time ago warrants were running as long as twenty-six months. The warrant cancellation last week is due to the enormous amount of money being paid into the treasury during the last month.

Secretary of State Galusha and Deputy Auditor Cook will visit the state institutions of Hastings and Grand Island during the next few days. While Mr. Galusha visits the state institutions at frequent intervals, the deputy auditor tries to make a trip in inspection to each institution at least once a year. During these trips Mr. Cook checks up the books of the institutions.

Prof. E. H. Barbour, of the state university, has received notice of the meeting of curators of museums at New York City May 15, and has signified his intention of attending. This is the first meeting and the organization will be perfected. There are now about 500 public museums in the United States at the present time and most of them will be represented at the meeting.

The damage suit filed by Van B. Lady, agent of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, of New York, against Auditor Searle for \$5,000 and the suit filed by the company in the federal court to restrain the auditor from interfering with Lady in his work as agent of the company have both been dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

The T. F. Memmen Company is a Lincoln concern which filed its articles of incorporation last week. The company will engage in the manufacture and sale of merchandise, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The other member of the firm is C. F. McCain.

Eight Lincoln men will go to the Grand Island whist tournament this week. They are: M. Ackerman, H. M. Bushnell, S. W. Durnham, M. I. Aitkin, F. W. Hellwig, August Friend, F. H. Woods, O. W. Webster and F. M. Spalding.

Gov. Mickey addressed the students at Wesleyan University the other day. Gov. Mickey is a member of the board of trustees of this institution, and as 800 students are enrolled the governor is well pleased with the management of the institution.

Commandant Presson, of the soldiers' home at Milford, was in Lincoln last week conferring with the members of the board of public lands and buildings regarding the home. Mr. Presson reported the soldiers to be enjoying good health and everything at the home to be running along smoothly.

Representative Pollard has recommended P. A. Brundage, the present postmaster, for reappointment at Topeka.