

THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

WOMEN ARE ATTEMPTING TO SLAY GIRL, 10

Mrs. Sweetin Is on Verge of Collapse

Poison Love Pact Slayer Worries Over What Will Happen to Her Children.

Refuses Offer of Food

Salem, Ill., Sept. 25.—The future of the three boys of Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, held in jail here on a charge of having plotted with the Rev. Lawrence M. Hight to poison his wife, Anna, and her husband, Wilford, today was the unresolvable problem that worried the prisoner more than her imprisonment. Deep interest has been voiced by Mrs. Sweetin in the future of her three boys.

Christopher C. Sweetin, her father-in-law, spent nearly an hour in her cell last night in an effort to come to an understanding what to do with the three children.

Mrs. Sweetin's apathy to food since being in jail here has aroused great concern. Dr. A. Thompson of Mount Vernon, who visited her here in jail yesterday in regard to the woman's children, said last night she was on the verge of a nervous collapse, due to the strain of the last two days, especially due to the worry over the future of her boys.

Blames Wife

He stood at the bars of a cell in the quiet old jail here and traced back over his career during the 25 years of his married life. He pointed out the wife who had remained at his side in days of abject poverty, to be free to marry Elsie Sweetin, who was his ideal, he said. He described himself placing the deadly potion of arsenic in his wife's coffee and told how he kissed her cold lips, not in sorrow for her death, but because he could now rush to the arms of his beloved, who was free.

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'Sweethearts 'Til Death'--Hight

Nashville, Ill., Sept. 25.—The Rev. Lawrence M. Hight, held in jail here in connection with the poison plot that cost the lives of his wife, Anna, and the husband of his confessed accomplice, Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, in jail at Salem, Ill., is worried more over the future of three children than her imprisonment.

"Mrs. Sweetin and I are still sweethearts until death parts us," the minister said.

Jail attendants said the Rev. Mr. Hight was jovial and talked freely.

Mrs. Sweetin's apathy to food has aroused concern. The only nourishment she has taken since she was brought here Tuesday, was a glass of milk late yesterday.

McMullen Speaks at Formation of Neligh G.O.P. Club

Candidate for Governor in Tour of Antelope County; Receives Encouraging Reports.

By P. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 25.—Adam McMullen, republican candidate for governor, made a circuit of Antelope county today ending at Neligh, where he addressed a large mass meeting at the auditorium.

The meeting was the occasion for formation of a Coolidge-Dawes club under the leadership of John McAllister.

According to McAllister and other republican leaders the fight for president is between Coolidge and La Follette. McAllister says the democrats have given up all hope of carrying the state for Davis and are looking either to the Coolidge or La Follette banners.

The McMullen party, comprising E. C. Houston, candidate for congress, and L. B. Johnson, candidate for secretary of state, was met by three auto loads of Antelope county republican workers at Elgin on the county line.

They accompanied the party over the entire county.

The workers who met the party were Charles Stockdale, Elgin county chairman; L. E. Jackson, Ray Swanson, son of Dan Swanson, state land commissioner; Guy E. Thornton, all of Neligh; Elwood Johnson, Orchard, candidate for the legislature; George Strohm, Clearwater.

When the party left Albion in the morning they were escorted to Petersburg on the county line by L. H. Lehr, county chairman; J. H. Pater, county secretary, and W. C. Weitzel, congressional committeeman.

At Clearwater the prominent local republicans in charge of the meeting were William Decamp, D. C. McCartney, Arthur Smith, J. F. Fannon and J. C. Ferguson. When the party reached the little town of Royal they met J. P. Curtis, who has been the republican committeeman for 25 years.

Politics is his diversion in life. He kept every one laughing during the visit to Royal. One member of the party asked him what business he was engaged in. "Oh, I keep busy looking after the pool hall and the church and telling C. D. Lucas how to run the bank," he replied.

At Orchard Mr. McMullen accepted an invitation to speak at the high school. Dr. D. L. Fletcher was one of the staunch republican workers Mr. McMullen met at Orchard.

When the party arrived at Brunswick Mr. McMullen was informed that the Ladies' Aid society wished him to speak. Mr. McMullen gladly accepted the invitation as one of his hobbies as a citizen is to interest women in politics.

Gets Cheering News. On every side Mr. McMullen received cheering news concerning the aggressiveness of the campaign being waged in his behalf in the Third district. The recent announcement made by Governor Bryan that the state capital would cost the people \$7,000,000 instead of \$5,000,000 as they were promised is causing no end of resentment throughout this section of the country.

The voters remember that one of the dozen of unkept promises made the voters by Governor Bryan two years ago was that he would keep the cost of the state house within the \$5,000,000 appropriation.

The official record shows that shortly after Governor Bryan went into office George E. Johnson then state engineer, charged that the state house would cost more than \$5,000,000 and demanded an investigation to prove his statement. The governor immediately took sides against Johnson, defied the Johnson charge and stated that the cost would be within the appropriation.

Prices of Horses Rise. Callaway, Neb., Sept. 25.—At the Brittan farm sale, near here, a team of horses sold for \$255. A year ago the same horses would not have sold for over \$150. Alfalfa hay is selling from \$7 to \$10 a ton.

State G.O.P. in New York Pick Slate

Theodore Roosevelt, Nominated for Governor, Pledges Support to Coolidge; Woman Named for Secretary.

K.K.K. Is Denounced

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt of Oyster Bay, assistant secretary of the state, and son of the late president, was named by the republican state convention here today as the party's candidate for governor. His nomination came on the first ballot, where he polled 562 of the 590 votes in convention, 69 in excess of the necessary majority. The nomination was made unanimous and by acclamation on the motion of former Governor Benjamin B. Odell, manager of the pre-convention campaign, and Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins.

The remaining ticket, named at an adjourned session this afternoon, follows: Lieutenant-governor, Seymour Lowman, Elmira.

Secretary of state, Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, Syracuse.

Comptroller, Vincent B. Murphy, Rochester.

Treasurer, Lewis H. Pounds, Brooklyn.

Attorney general, Albert Ottinger, New York.

State Engineer and Surveyor, Royal G. Finch, Albany.

When informed of his nomination, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"I will support Coolidge. The republican party has done me a very great honor and I am deeply gratified. Our platform is sound, constructive republicanism. I stand on it four-square.

"President Coolidge has given the country an unequalled administration. We in this state will bend every effort to back up Calvin Coolidge."

Later Colonel Roosevelt was given a tremendous ovation when he appeared on the convention platform just before final adjournment.

Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, the nominee for secretary of state is the first woman to be a candidate for state office in New York on the republican ticket.

There was cheering when Chairman Ogden L. Mills of the resolutions committee read the plank in the platform denouncing the Ku Klux Klan by name.

More cheering greeted the reading of the plank declaring for strict law enforcement and the enactment of legislation necessary for such enforcement.

The platform was adopted by a voice vote.

The anti-klan plank, in part follows:

"The republican party now, as from the beginning of its existence, recognizes neither color, nor creed, nor race as a test of good citizenship. We in this state will bend every effort to back up Calvin Coolidge."

"More over, we condemn any candidate or party that endeavors to make political capital out of such an issue, and, while posing as its champion, betrays the cause of liberty by a direct appeal to racial and religious groups."

The platform endorses the administration of President Coolidge and pledges the party in the state to the support of the Coolidge and Dawes ticket; assails the democratic administration as inefficient, insincere and lax; declares for a 48-hour week for women in industry, advocates the ratification of the child labor amendment to the federal constitution; pledges the party to determine with the federal government the question of ownership of waterpower on a boundary; and commends the pending \$10,000,000 issue referendum for state parks.

La Follette Forces to Prolong Western Fight

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 25.—Frank Havenner, state campaign director of the La Follette campaign committee, announced this afternoon that the committee would apply today to the supreme court for a writ of mandate instructing county clerks to forward the La Follette nomination petitions to the secretary of state to place them on the November ballot.

The committee plans to ask the county clerks to receive the petitions pending final decision by the court.

Social-Laborites Filed. Des Moines, Sept. 25.—F. T. Johns of Portland, Ore., and Verne L. Reynolds of Baltimore, nominees of the Social Labor party for president and vice president, today qualified under state laws for placing their names on the Iowa November election ballot.

The American party, Secretary of State Ramsay said, had taken out papers but had not filed at noon.

One-Handed Driving Lotharios Are Curbed; 'Use Both Arms' Has Appeal

War has been declared on one-handed driving by the citizens' volunteer traffic squad of the Chamber of Commerce, according to W. A. Ellis, assistant commissioner.

The young men who drive cars about the city with one hand on the wheel and the other around the shoulders of some fair one are, if necessary, to be haled into court.

This sort of driving has become more prevalent in Omaha during the last few months, and for many weeks the conscientious traffic officers who work for nothing but the glory have been wondering whether to interfere.

A few of the holder volunteer officers have essayed to put a stop to what they term "petting-driving," but they have found it difficult. Young men who ordinarily would be reasonable are different when their girls are along. They repel efforts of the officers with fists clenched and much anger.

But now the officers have a new method of approach. "Young man," they have been taught to say to the offending Lothario. "You aren't doing justice to either job. You can't drive well with one arm, and you can't embrace well either. It ain't fair, or words to that effect. It's unfair, in fact. Unfair to innocent and long-suffering pedestrians, and also to the young woman. Give her both arms or nothing, young man. Don't do things half way. Drive with both arms and pet with both arms."

This line of approach actually works, declares Ellis. Almost always they laugh and agree to keep their driving and petting separated in the future.

Capper Praises Senator Norris

Nebraska Can Be 'Justly Proud of Him,' He Declares.

By Associated Press.

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 25.—Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, spoke here tonight in the interest of the Coolidge-Dawes campaign and took occasion during his speech to endorse Senator G. W. Norris of Nebraska.

"Nebraska can be justly proud of sending to congress for so many years, first in the house and then in the senate, a man so distinguished by character, conscience, independence and loyalty to the people of his state and the nation as George Norris," the latter colleague declared.

"He is held in honor in the senate as he is here at home among his own people. He influences the same by the force of his personal character. But, my friends, Senator Norris also influences the whole country by his ideas. To him belongs the honor of introducing and carrying through the senate the constitutional amendment resolution doing away with 'lame duck' congresses and making the will of the country promptly effective by advancing the date for the assembling of a new congress and the inauguration by a newly elected president.

"As far as the general election was concerned, La Follette headquarters today urged their supporters to vote for the Coolidge party electors named on the ballot under that designation, who will be pledged to cast their votes in the electoral college for La Follette and Wheeler."

"He is entitled to the credit for preventing the lease of the great national water power at Muscle Shoals by a plan that was gravely defective. It was an important service Senator Norris did to postpone settlement of this question until it can be settled right."

"You will re-elect Senator Norris. I know. In my five years in the senate I have served under Senator Norris as chairman of the committee on agriculture and am glad to give my testimony as a member of the committee to his great industry and fine leadership."

NEW MEXICAN G.O.P. CLOSE CONVENTION

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 25.—Delegates to the republican state convention here on their way home today after having nominated a state ticket and winding up the convention at midnight last night.

Senator H. O. Burrum was nominated for reelection and Manuel B. Otero of Albuquerque was designated as the nominee for governor. They were not opposed. J. Felipe Hubbell was nominated for national representative. George E. Breese, Robert Halley and Mrs. Blanche Gonzalez were chosen presidential electors. The republicans adopted a platform condemning the Ku Klux Klan by name and assailing the democratic administration in New Mexico.

U. P. Shopworkers Solicit Shipments at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 25.—A Grand Island committee of the Union Pacific Shop Employees' association is calling on Grand Island shippers and soliciting an increased portion of their shipping. It is reported the road has suffered recently a loss of 46 per cent in local business.

The solicitors urge that as the Union Pacific has a grand island payroll of 1,004 men, with a total labor item of \$263,250 in August and that it is entitled to a much larger share of the total tonnage than is now given, since the Burlington has no material payroll here. It is added that the Union Pacific pays \$50,000 taxes in Hall county, \$23,250 of which goes to the schools.

Former Planivore Resident Dies in Colorado Hospital

St. Morgan, Colo., Sept. 25.—Fred Wanser, 63, a resident of New Raymer, 25 miles north of here, where he was in the real estate and insurance business, died in the hospital here after an illness of five weeks. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. Burial will take place Friday in the cemetery at Plainville, Neb., where Wanser lived for over 25 years.

Fair on at Loup City.

Loup City, Sept. 25.—Sherman County fair is in session this week. Perfect weather and roads have combined to make the attendance large. The swine exhibit is exceptionally good.

Government Ownership Uneconomic

Coolidge President Denounces Theory as Encroachment Upon Constitutional Right of Individuals. Would Not Limit Courts

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—Proposals for government ownership of railroads and other public utilities were denounced here tonight by President Coolidge as "uneconomic" and "encroachments upon our rights."

Speaking at exercises commemorating the 150th anniversary of the meeting of first continental congress, Mr. Coolidge also renewed his assault on suggestions of nationalization of the supreme power of the government and urged that the people resist encroachment upon their rights and liberties guaranteed by the constitution.

"If we wish to maintain what our fathers here established," he declared, "we shall do well to leave the people in the ownership of their property, in control of their government and under the protection of their courts."

It is difficult, the president said, referring to government ownership of railroads "to reconcile the American ideal of a sovereign people capable of owning and managing their own government with an inability to own and manage their own business."

Ownership Means Tax Hike. Furthermore, he declared it would mean a loan in public revenue estimated at \$600,000,000 a year with a resultant increase in the tax on farmers of from 3 to 40 per cent.

Mr. Coolidge devoted most of his address to a discussion of early history of this country and the birth of the constitution after the organization of the first continental congress.

Referring to the deliberation of this congress the president asserted that, "if we could better understand what they said and did to establish our free institutions, we should be less likely to be misled by the misrepresentations and distorted arguments of the hour, and be far better equipped to maintain them."

He drew a lesson from the declarations of the congress as showing the "superiority of moderation and candor over violence and deceit in seeking a solution of difficult public questions."

People Must Control. The constitution, Mr. Coolidge pointed out, "is a device for maintaining in perpetuity the rights of the people, with the ultimate extinction of all privileged classes."

"I have mentioned the desirability," he continued, "for the people to keep control of their own government and their own property, because I believe that is one of the American ideals of public welfare in harmony with the efforts of the first continental congress, which would destroy great principles of liberty. Unless we can maintain the integrity of the courts, where the individual can secure his rights, any kind of tyranny may follow. If the people lose control of the arteries (Turn to Page Three, Column Six.)"

RAIN AND SNOW IN WESTERN MONTANA

Helena, Mont., Sept. 25.—A comparatively heavy rainfall, turning to snow in the higher altitudes where temperatures only slightly above the freezing point, became general throughout western Montana this afternoon, according to reports received by the United States weather bureau here.

The storm was reported as rapidly extending from the continental divide eastward, where the United States army has a station of snow in the mountain passes.

Threshing, at its peak in numerous western counties, will be delayed for the remainder of the week, reports indicated, with the precipitation scheduled to continue tonight. Wire and railroad service was reported as unaffected.

CONTRACTORS IN OHIO INDICTED

Columbus, O., Sept. 25.—The federal jury in session today returned indictment against Rose, a Cleveland and Milwaukee contractor, and two of his employees, Lawrence C. W. Williams and Robert J. Phillips, of Illinois, who were charged with the theft of government property at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O.

The indictment charged the three jointly and severally with the theft of \$100,000 worth of government property from eight farmers near Litchfield and sold them in that town. He explained that he had debts and hoped to pay them in that manner. Judge B. C. Hostetler sentenced him to a term of from one to three years in the state reformatory.

Stole to Pay Debts, Says Chicken Thief

Loup City, Sept. 25.—Jesse P. Royle of Hazard pleaded guilty in district court to two charges of chicken stealing.

It was charged that Royle, a railway track worker, took chickens from eight farmers near Litchfield and sold them in that town. He explained that he had debts and hoped to pay them in that manner. Judge B. C. Hostetler sentenced him to a term of from one to three years in the state reformatory.

Supervisors Hold Hearing on Tuberculosis Tax Levy

Glenwood, Ia., Sept. 25.—Prominent men from all over Mills county, a majority of farmers and cattle raisers, attended a meeting at the courthouse here, at which the supervisors heard petitions for and against the levying of a 1-1/2 mill tax for the purpose of attempting to eradicate tuberculosis from Mills county cattle. The debate was quite spirited. The board took the matter under advisement and will report at a date unfixed.

Forty Students See Boys Fight to Death

Washington, Sept. 25.—Edward Robertson, 16, is dead, and Charles E. Cooper, 15, is seriously wounded as a result of a knife battle in front of a class room of 40 pupils at Armstrong high school here today.

Robertson and Cooper, both colored, engaged in an argument over a seat in the class room and before anybody could interfere whipped out knives and began slashing each other.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 P. M., September 25: Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 0. Total since January 1, 23.05. Deficiency, 1.05.

Hourly Temperatures.

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WORLD FLIERS AT SAN FRANCISCO

Crissy Field, San Francisco, Sept. 25.—Lieutenant Wade landed at Crissy field at 4:22 p. m.

By Associated Press. Crissy Field, San Francisco, Sept. 25.—Lieut. Lowell H. Smith and Erik Nelson made a bird-like landing at Crissy Field in the San Francisco Presidio today after a flight from Santa Monica, which was marked by the forced landing of the third round-the-world plane at South San Francisco.

It was expected that this airplane, which is piloted by Lieut. Leigh Wade, would arrive within an hour. As far as known his plane was undamaged.

In anticipation of a possible rush the field had been heavily policed by both the military and city police guards. Upon landing the plane looked tired and the crew much begrimed from the difficult passage over the Tehachapi. The planes after circling the field once, alighted gracefully and taxied up before the reviewing stand.

The flyers later left their cockpits and were received by Mayor James Rolph, United States Senator Samuel Shortridge and other notables.

Dawes Declares La Follette Hit Constitution

Charges Senator With Set to Obtain Socialist Support; Says West Has No Radicalism.

By Associated Press.

Abound Dawes Special En Route to Minneapolis, Zumbrota, Minn., Sept. 25.—Senator La Follette, independent candidate for president, was charged by Charles G. Dawes, republican vice-presidential nominee, in a series of Minnesota speeches today with having "attacked the constitution of the United States in order to obtain socialist support."

"Robert La Follette in order to get the socialists, massed behind the red flag, into the commission had so attacked the constitution of the United States," Dawes declared. "That doesn't go out in this section of the country for there is no radicalism in the west. What they call radicalism in the west is merely a desire to improve conditions."

Dawes made this declaration in an address at Rochester and continued the attack on La Follette as he traveled northward toward Minneapolis with read platform speeches listed for Zumbrota, Red Wing and South St. Paul.

Rochester Crowd Cheers. The crowd at Rochester cheered when the speaker declared the voters in Minnesota this fall had their choice between the "constitution of the United States, the American flag, and President Coolidge on one hand, and La Follette standing on the sinking sands of socialism on the other."

The nominee declared an issue was presented in the coming election, an issue which he said was greater than the world court, the league of nations, or the federal budget—"the issue of the constitution of the United States, which is being attacked by Robert M. La Follette and his heterogeneous collection."

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