

Sutphen Claims Record in Dash for St. Joseph, Mo.

Brandeis Theater Manager Makes Round Trip From Omaha in 11 Hours.

Joy Sutphen, manager of Brandeis theater, believes he has hung up a new record for speed. On Thursday he entrained at 9:30 a. m. for St. Joseph, Mo., disposed of a business engagement during the early afternoon and was back at the theater at 8:30 p. m. He averred that he moved so fast at times that it was difficult to keep company with his clothes.

Information All Wrong. An affirmative nod reassured him. He was in the bus at 2:45 and was told that the information about making connections at Atchison at 3:30 was all to the negative. He left the bus and rushed to the hotel, where he inquired of the telephone operator if she could summon an able and willing motor vehicle driver who could make 29 miles to Atchison in 35 minutes.

"We were delayed by two freight trains getting out of St. Joseph," Joy related. "I threw a dollar to the driver and told him to drive ever under or around the second freight train, because I was due in Atchison at 3:30. We were five miles from Atchison at 3:30 and, just as we reached the river a stock train was pulling onto the bridge, which has only one roadway."

Waves to Engineer. I waved to the engineer to hold his train back, but he drove on first and we followed. We got into Atchison just as the Missouri Pacific 330 was pulling out. Rushed to an oil tank station and gave the second a dollar and asked for advice. He told me the train stopped at a junction outside of Atchison. My driver made one more wild dash and landed me at the train just as it was beginning to pick up speed out of the junction.

GLEE CLUB PLAY WELL RECEIVED

Members of the Central High school glee club presented "The Chimes of Normandy" at a packed house Friday night at the Central High school auditorium.

It was opening night for the play which is to be presented again this afternoon and this evening.

Ether Ellis as Serpolette won a name for herself in the annals of the school history. Alice May Christensen as Germaine, was equally as good, and Volcott Swift took part of the Marquis of Cornville with grace.

But to Bernard Wilson went the highest honors of the evening. In the difficult role of Gaspard, the miser, he carried his audience with him and demonstrated to them his idea of the thoughts of a money loving individual.

Mrs. Carole Pitts, musical director of the school, and Lena May Williams, dramatic director, supervised the presentation of the play.

CHICAGO SLAYER TO DIE IN NOOSE

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Russell Scott must hang.

The jury in Judge Thomas Lynch's court, where Scott was tried the second time for the murder of Joseph Maurer, 19-year-old drug clerk, reached a verdict tonight after 45 minutes' deliberation. He was found guilty and sentenced to hang.

Maurer was killed when Scott and his brother held up the drug store in which he worked last April. His brother is still a fugitive. Scott was sentenced to the gallows at his first trial. The supreme court granted him a new trial.

Scott, who is 29, attracted considerable attention by his financial ventures several years ago. He negotiated several large building contracts when he was scarcely out of his teens.

Scott came to Chicago after he had lost a fortune in a bridge building project in Detroit.

PROMISE BREACH ACTION DROPPED

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 13.—The \$50,000 breach of promise action instituted by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Lex of Los Angeles against Chief of Police August Vollmer of Berkeley, was dropped from the superior court calendar here yesterday because of the failure of plaintiff or her counsel to put in an appearance. Vollmer is former chief of police of Los Angeles.

Warden Places Ban on Candy at Jail

Denver, Dec. 13.—Candy, gum and pastries went under the ban at the county jail yesterday when Warden Thomas H. Clennan issued an order decreasing the jail fare based largely on cornmeal mush, would be the only diet permitted prisoners.

Small saws, hidden in the creamy mists of pine and narcotics buried deep in the sweet centers of candies have been smuggled to the prisoners, the warden declared, and added that the most effective way of stopping the smuggling was to bar the sweets. Gum, Warden Clennan said, had not yet been polluted by the smugglers but he had decided not to risk further the genius of friends and relatives of the prisoners.

Tinkers's Son Becomes Gifted Pianist After Dr. James E. Wagner Sees Genius



Coe Pettit.

Ten years ago a forlorn little waif came with his father, a sewing machine tinkerer, to the home of Dr. James Elvin Wagner in Mason City, Ia. Today he arrives in Omaha, a youth of 20, to appear in concert at the First Methodist church on Tuesday evening. His musical abilities were noticed the day that Dr. Wagner first saw the little boy and it has been through the efforts of the pastor that the boy has acquired a musical education. He is Coe Pettit, now an accomplished pianist and a junior in Chicago university.

On that day 10 years ago when Coe's father knocked on the door of the Wagner home to ask if the sewing machine needed mending, it was only by chance that the boy accompanied his father. While the father was busy at the machine, the little boy's eyes fell upon the piano and he sat down to play. Dr. Wagner heard the boy's playing and asked the name of the selection. The boy answered that it had no name, that he had just "made it up." He then told the pastor that he had taught himself to play on an old piano in the hayloft of the barn where they lived.

Dr. Wagner realized that the boy had ability and asked him to return to play. Before his next visit, the organist of Dr. Wagner's church had agreed to teach the boy. For two years the boy studied with the teacher.

"I have taught the boy all I know," the teacher told the pastor, "but he could accomplish more with his music." Through contributions of parishioners the boy was sent to Chicago

to study with Fannie Bloomfield Ziesler, noted woman pianist. He spent six years in Chicago, working for his board and room. His practicing was accomplished by going from house to house and getting permission from kind housewives to play on their pianos. His strange request to play their pianos for a short time for practice was rebuffed in many instances.

Dr. Wagner kept in touch with the boy who was studying at his piano and working his way through college. When the pastor was in Boston, Pettit appeared in concert there. Press notices and comments were flattering. On his return to the west the youth stopped in New York to play for musicians there and was offered a lucrative position. He insisted that he must finish his college education, and refused the offer. While attending college he aided in the support of his younger brother in high school at Mason City. His father, during these 10 years, was still a tinkerer of sewing machines. His mother a hopeless invalid.

Each summer Coe earned money for the coming school year by going from town to town to appear in recitals. He carried a dummy keyboard on his expedited automobile to practice upon. Because of an injury to his chest in a "Y" camp two years ago, Coe was unable to earn money one summer. He has had to give up his school work for a short time to earn money to complete his education.

His concert at the church Tuesday evening will be his first appearance in Omaha.

Mrs. Howard Kennedy will be at the organ.

Coolidge to Act Soon on Sugar Duty Problem

Washington, Dec. 12.—Indications were given at the White House today that action by President Coolidge might be expected at almost any time on the sugar inquiry conducted by the traffic commission. The nature of the action to be taken has not been disclosed, but many of those acquainted with the progress of the two-year inquiry made by the commission expect the executive to decide upon retention of the present sugar duty of 1.75 cents on Cuban and 2.20 cents on sugar from other foreign countries.

CLOTHES FOR POOR ASKED AT CONCERT

A bundle of old clothes will be the price of admission to a concert at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Elks club, Eighteenth and Dodge streets. This will be the first event of the Elks Christmas cheer program this year. The clothing will be turned over to Col. F. A. McCormick of the Volunteers of America, who is also an officer of the Elks. Women's and children's clothing is especially needed for the poor, as well as particularly shoes.

The music will be under direction of John A. McCreary and Gilbert J. Savage. Dr. Walter Conkling will sing. Mrs. Howard Kennedy will be at the organ.

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- 34-inch substantial, copper trimmed Cedar Chest 11.90
44-inch walnut finished two-tone Cedar Chest 27.50
Massive 40-inch Cedar Chest with lock 14.75
Roomy Cedar Chest, 45 inches deep, copper trimmed 19.75
A solid Mahogany Spinnet Desk with tuck-away inkwell and roomy writing bed 48.00
A solid Mahogany Priscilla Sewing Cabinet 12.75
A Gate-Leg Table with top that measures 34x48 inches (a most adaptable size) in walnut or mahogany, with top of the solid wood, at 24.75
72x84 all-wool Kenwood Blankets, at 14.75
70x82 part wool Blankets 7.85
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Double Vegetable Dish in fine silver plate 10.00
Start their china service with one dozen Lenox Service Plates in the Ming pattern, per dozen 36.00

---for Mother

- A solid mahogany, completely fitted Martha Washington Sewing Cabinet 24.75
In a less expensive wood 12.50
A Stickle Windsor Sewing Rocker with short arms and low seat, at 13.75
A Coxwell Overstuffed Arm Chair with spring filled, cushioned seat in velour, at 68.00
—in mohair 94.00
—in combination mohair 79.00
A Fireside Arm Chair with wings and spring filled cushions, in velour, at 47.50
—in mohair 74.50
—in combination mohair, at 66.00
A Rug for dining or living rooms in a good Seamless Axminster quality, 9x12 size 62.50
—in a good Seamless Velvet quality, 9x12 size, at 47.50
—in a good Wool Wilton quality at 98.50
Or a fine French Wilton 150.00
9x12 Hartford Saxony Rugs 130.00
Let Santa bring mother's gift via the kitchen door and let it be a 62.50 Detroit Jewel Gas Range with white porcelain parts, 49.50 Connected FREE.
Centerpiece Dining Table Bowl in Stuben glass 12.00
A Junior Lamp with Georgette shade. A special value 27.75

---for Father

- A solid Mahogany End Table with trough for his favorite books, at 19.75
A reproduction of General Washington's desk executed in mahogany will help father keep his affairs in order 198.50
A good bridge type Reading Lamp such as we offer in wrought metal with silk shade at 14.79
A Humidor with vitreous lined drawer, for box of cigars, in solid mahogany 19.75
A non-spill gunmetal Smoking Stand, at 15.00
A Radio from 30.00 up
A Brunswick-Radiola and Super-Heterodyne that will get father the market reports, first-hand politics, grand opera or the roof garden; the children the bedtime stories, and the whole family anything that's on the air with entertainment of his or their own choosing on the Brunswick. Some customers think they can get Council Bluffs by way of New York on this instrument.
Finest English Kit Bag in genuine shark leather and leather lined with bronze hardware 49.00
—in genuine cowhide 27.50

---for Dick (age 4)

- Teddy Bears that go to sleep, at 1.75 to 2.50
Circus Animals, that can be trained to do circus stunts (unbreakable), at 1.00 to 1.75
Pedal Cars, with ball bearings and rubber tires.
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1.00 sets of Lincoln Logs, for a complete bird house 50c
Mechanical Train of two coaches and coal car, on large circle of track, complete 3.00
Toonerville Trolley 50c
"The Teddy Bear That Prowled at Night"—a new book in a gift box, at 75c

---for Jane (age 4)

- Large six-room folding Doll House, with furniture 6.00
Gas Range, with cooking utensils, for 2.50
Doll's 23-piece, large size Tea Set, for 5.50
Child's 23-inch fumed oak, flat top Desk, with blackboard 6.00
Child's very heavy 22-inch folding oak Table 4.00
Child's 12-inch fumed oak Chair, very strong 2.50
20-inch Wardrobe Trunk, for dolly's clothes 5.50
2.25 Mamma Dolls, fully dressed, with unbreakable head and bonnet, 13 inches high; special 1.50
3.00 fully dressed Mamma Doll, with bonnet and unbreakable head, 15 inches high; special 2.00
3.00 Madame Hendren Mamma Doll, fully dressed, with bonnet and painted hair and eyes; special, 2.25

---the Bachelor Girl

- A beautiful, large Walnut Vanity Dresser with three mirrors in American walnut for 59.75
Poppy red, or black and gold lacquered Sewing Stand 12.00
Duncan Phyfe Spinnet Desks in solid mahogany 39.50
Other spinnet desks, in solid mahogany at 25.50 to 200.00
Fret-Sided Magazine Stand in solid mahogany, two sizes, 30.00-40.00
Blue Venetian Glass Colognes with beautifully modeled floral tops, per pair 8.50
Italian tooled leather Photo Portfolios 13.00
Decorated Italian Ink Wells in carved wood 4.00
Sterling and Bronze Spinnet Desk Sets 49.00
Dutch Silver Candlesticks, pr. 7.50
Fitted Traveling Case with fitted Pullman Toilet Case (10 pieces), at 19.75
—with fittings in lid 17.50

---for Jack (in the grades)

- Gilbert Tool Chest, with 16 splendid tools 3.00
Standard Gauge Lionel Train with engine and two Pullman coaches, at 16.50
Scroll Saw for the boy toymaker, with two steel saws 5.00
Keystone Moving Picture Machine to carry regular films 12.00
Structo Auto Building Toys from which finished automobiles may be built 8.00, 7.00, 10.00
Speedster Steel Sleds, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50.
Flexible Flyers 7.00, 9.25
Scooters 2.50, 5.00, 6.50
Tractor and Trailer, of sturdy Structo make 3.00
Wagons with disc wheels and rubber tires 6.00
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---for Baby

- A sanitary bed-time Bear, with voice, at 1.00
A soft bed-time Dolly, with voice, and a dress that launders 2.00
White wool Dogs for the toddler to carry 2.00
Mary's Little Lamb, soft and white, with bell 4.00
Genuine skin Bears, soft and downy, a gift that is beautiful and will last. Medium size 7.50
Large size 12.00
Tom Tinker, the wood doll that will not break, in enamel that will not wear off 60c
Play Yards, in ivory enamel, at 10.00-13.00
Deep-side Baby Beds, in ivory enamel, at 11.50

---for the Bachelor

- Mahogany finished Smoking Stand, with glass ash tray 2.95
Solid mahogany Pedestal Smoker, with carry-about handle 5.95
Solid mahogany Smoker, with porcelain lined drawer and nickel fixtures 12.75
Solid mahogany Smoker, with weighted base and extra good fixtures, at 3.95
Spanish brass pedestal Smoking Stand, with metal cover 12.50
Smoking Sets, on trays 10.50
Mahogany, porcelain lined Humidor, for the table or desk, 100-cigar capacity (with plate for initials), at 10.50
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- Genuine cowhide Gladstone Bag with padded corners and solid brass hardware 19.75
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Metal Floor Lamp, with reflector shade, done in baroque and bronze, for 15.50
Desk Lamp, in metal, with glass shade 5.00
Book Ends (Author's Homes), per pair 3.00
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Small Table Lamps, in wrought metal with pleated georgette shade, for room 14.75
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