

Girl Attempts to Attack Wife of Suspect in Court

Mabelen Johnson Leaps for Woman as Defendant Is Ordered Held to District Court by Judge.

The quiet dignity of Judge Bryce Crawford's county court was shattered to his Monday afternoon when Mabelen Johnson, 18, attempted to attack the wife of the man charged with being the father of her child.

The Johnson girl appeared as a witness against Forrest Mohr, 24, 1822 Capital avenue, and asserted that he was the father of the child born to her on November 1. Mohr was bound over to the district court under \$1,000 bond.

Mohr's young wife had been sitting near Miss Johnson, and had been making derisive gestures towards her, according to onlookers. As Judge Crawford bound over Mohr, Miss Johnson leaped toward Mrs. Mohr, shouting, "I'll kill you."

The girl's father, Fred Johnson, 58, 3948 Arbor street, seized her and attempted to lead her from the court room. In some way the girl tripped him and he fell, striking his forehead against a bench. The girl then became hysterical.

Judge Crawford ordered Mrs. Mohr from the room, and police surgeons were called to treat Johnson's injuries. The girl was allowed to go home with her father.

MAYBERRY RITES AT GRACE CHURCH

Funeral services for Maynard Mayberry, 52, father of O. D. Mayberry, 82, father of O. D. Mayberry, general manager of Swift's South Omaha packing plant, were to be held at 2 p. m., Monday, at Grace Methodist church. Rev. E. L. Storey and Rev. C. C. Wilson were to conduct the services, with burial at Forest Lawn.

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Woman Halted in Death Leap From Bridge; Goes on Hunger Strike



Mrs. Bertha Diederich DEWELL PHOTO

Frenzied because she was unsuccessful in an attempt to drown herself in the Missouri river Sunday night, Mrs. Bertha Diederich, 30, began a hunger strike Monday as she moaned and tossed on a cot in her cell at the city jail.

One plaintive phrase was repeated over and over in her moanings: "Oh, Jack! Oh, Jack!"

Police want to know who "Jack" is. He is not her husband, whose description, a note said, had driven her to seek death. They believe he may be

PAWNEE COUNTY REFUNDS BONDS

Pawnee City, Dec. 22.—A \$125,000 issue of 4 3/4 per cent bonds by Pawnee county has been registered with the state auditor and turned over to the purchaser, the United States Trust company of Omaha, in a refunding plan which will save this county a considerable sum of money each year on interest payments.

Bonds of the 1919 5 1/2 per cent issue have been called in and are being paid as fast as received. Figures given out yesterday indicate that all but about \$10,000 has been received. Bridge and funding bonds were covered by the first issue.

The new bonds will be paid off each year as shown by coupons attached, and all will be retired by 1937. The total indebtedness of the county has been reduced gradually since January 1, 1922. At that date the statements showed \$175,000 outstanding. December 1 this year the amount was \$129,000. According to the county officials, the amount will be reduced the first of the year to \$125,000.

Cedar Rapids.—Stantley Maly, president of the Hadley bank at Cedar Rapids, gave an address at Aldron to the Kiwanis club on "The Dawes Plan and Its Effect."

Shoe Fund Calls Unprecedented

Response of Readers Splendid But Much More Money Is Needed.

Do your Christmas giving early. The calls upon the Free Shoe fund, provided by readers of The Omaha Bee, is unprecedented this year. The pitiful line of pale, sad-looking boys and girls, waiting patiently just for shoes. And so proud and happy when they get them! It's hard to realize that in the midst of plenty there are so many innocent children who are brought into the world to meet such misfortune, unsuited to their tender years.

Here is one of many letters: "I have no shoes at all and neither has my little brother and mother works hard all the time but she can't earn enough to get us shoes so we have to stay in the house and sometimes it's awful cold."

And here is another kind of letter: "Enclosed you will find \$1 for the shoe fund. I got second prize, \$3.00 for Billy Glogot for funny sayings by children. Sorry I could not give more but had to spend it for Christmas presents."

"Yours truly, 'JACK KELLEY.'"

Remember that your money is 100 per cent in this fund. Every penny goes to buy shoes for children in the poorest of the poor families. Every case is investigated by school teachers who do this without compensation. There is no "overhead expense" in this fund.

The response has been fine but much more money is needed. Already acknowledged: Optimist Club International, \$1,085.88; Seventh and Eighth grades, \$35.00; Le school, Wilcox, Neb., \$1.25; E. E. McManis, Pigeon, Neb., \$1.00; N. Pritchard, \$1.00; Miss Mary Miller, \$1.00; L. E. Leonard, \$1.00; A. Friend, \$1.00; D. W. M., \$1.00; T. R. Darnell, Ft. Crook, Neb., \$1.00; E. C. Club, Omaha, \$1.00; Jane and Billy, Avera, Neb., \$1.00; B. P. G. Doe, Omaha, \$1.00; Jessie H. Millard, \$1.00; A. G. Larson, \$1.00.

Total \$1,173.13. Checks, cash or money orders should be mailed or brought to The Omaha Bee. Checks may be made out to "Free Shoe fund."

Hamburg Church Burned. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 22.—Fire caused from an over-heated furnace destroyed the First Baptist church at Hamburg just before the hour for opening the Sunday school. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

To eager youth 'tis vain to preach. Experience alone can teach. —Little Joe Otter.

The Otters Make a Decision. Rough Brother North Wind and Jack Frost had been down from the Far North for some time now. The pond of Paddy the Beaver, the Smiling Pool and the Laughing Brook, excepting where it ran swiftly, were covered with ice.

The Green Meadow and the Old Pasture were deep with snow. Only those who, like Johnny Chuck and Nimble Heels, the Jumping Mouse, and Striped Chipmunk and Bobby Coon, were asleep in their snug homes, or, like Paddy the Beaver and Jerry Muskrat, had plenty to eat close by their houses, had nothing to worry about. Those who had to hunt for their food were having a hard time of it. They always do in winter.

Little Joe Otter and his family had little cause for worry. You know they live on fish. But now they were having to work as they never had. You see they had been fishing so long in the Smiling Pool and along the Laughing Brook that fish were becoming scarce. It was the morning after the coasting party that Little Joe and Mrs. Otter went without breakfast that the two young Otters might eat.

"My dear," said Little Joe, "this is the poorest fishing I have ever known. So much of the Laughing Brook is frozen over that only a few places are left in which we can fish. And we have already caught most of the fish in those places. We have got to do something about it."

"I've been thinking that very thing," replied Mrs. Otter. "Shall we take the youngsters down to the Big River?"

"I know of another brook, a bigger brook than this, which has deep spring holes in it and many places where the water is swift and does not freeze. We might go there first," said Little Joe.

"Is it far from here?" asked Mrs. Otter.

Little Joe admitted that it was very far from there. "But what of it?" said he. "It will give the youngsters a chance to see something of the Great World, and that will be good for them. When we reach that brook

Curator to Write Story of Spanish Expedition Wiped Out by Indians

Columbus, Dec. 22.—A completed sketch of the ill-fated Spanish expedition from Santa Fe, N. M., that was annihilated by Otco Indians near the point where the Loup river flows into the Platte, now awaits the arrival of one more manuscript from Paris, according to E. E. Blackman, curator of the State Historical society. When the entire set of early manuscripts is completely translated, Mr. Blackman says the historic revelations will be an incentive to continue the work of unearthing villages, towns and battlefields in the Lower Loup valley. Mr. Blackman began his preliminary survey last summer and will ask the legislature for financial aid in carrying on the work.

Mother With Child in Arms Injured Severely by Fall. Columbus, Dec. 22.—Mrs. H. J. Whalley, carrying her small son in her arms, fell the entire length of the stairs in her home. She suffered a broken arm, a wrenched back, sprained ankle and scalp wounds. The child escaped with slight bruises.

Columbus Transfer Men. Dieregard City Ordinance. Columbus, Dec. 22.—Citing of Columbus transfer and dray men will probably be taken to police court as threatened action by Burton Hawthorn, secretary of the Columbus credit bureau. They will be charged with failure to comply with an ordinance, passed several months ago and observed until two weeks ago, requiring all transfer men to report household movings within 24 hours. No report has been filed in two weeks. Meanwhile the credit bureau has begun collecting evidence on a number of unrecorded moves.

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we can stay there as long as there is good fishing, and then follow it down to the Big River. Then we can come down the Big River and so back here to the Laughing Brook."

Mrs. Otter thought this over for a few minutes. "Wouldn't such a journey overland be dangerous?" she asked.

"Are you afraid?" asked Little Joe. "Not for myself," snapped Mrs. Otter sharply. "It is the children I am thinking of."

"They've never been in any real danger," said Little Joe. "It would be a good thing for them to make a journey on which they must watch out all the time. It would teach them how to take care of themselves."

Mrs. Otter scratched her nose

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POTASH HIGHWAY ROUTE SELECTED

Ellsworth, Neb., Dec. 22.—At a meeting here of south Sheridan county citizens to hasten completion of the Potash highway it was decided to ask the county commissioners to approve a road from Lakeside through Ellsworth to Bingham within 200 feet of the Burlington right of way on the north side of the track.

The building of the road on the north side not only brings the highway directly through the towns mentioned but lessens the expense of grading because of the higher hills on the opposite side.

Unanimous approval of those present for the north side removes uncertainty in the highway's progress and with federal and state aid the Potash highway may be pushed to completion this year.

Tax Tender Refused.

Bridgport, Dec. 22.—By authority of the county commissioners, Scotts Bluff county treasurer has refused a tender by the Great Western Sugar company of part of the taxes assessed against it in that county. The tender was made on a valuation of 45 per cent 100 pounds, which prevailed last year, but which was raised by the assessment this year to 56 per cent 100 pounds. The difference amounts to over \$5,000.

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