

MANY DIVORCES IN TOWNS NEAR OMAHA

People Who Want to Keep Facts Concealed Bring Divorce Cases Elsewhere.

PAPILLION IS A FAVORITE

Is your neighbor, friend or fellow club member divorced? If he or his wife has recently made an extended visit in Fremont, Papillion or other nearby Nebraska towns, it is entirely possible, and even probable.

These towns have become the Mecca of Omaha married folk who find their matrimonial bonds burdensome and for whatever reasons they may, have desire to avoid taking the public into their confidence regarding the allegations they make concerning their spouses and the testimony they give in order to secure the decree.

Recently a woman who is prominent and whose husband is well known, went to an attorney for advice concerning a proposed divorce.

"I will not file a suit unless it is possible to keep the allegations out of the newspapers," she said. "My husband is willing that a divorce should be granted and will not contest the suit."

"Well," the attorney explained, "the Omaha courts do not permit the withdrawing of petitions to conceal litigation, but in the town of — or — or several other towns the papers may be filed and immediately withdrawn, and your testimony can practically be given in private. You need only go to one of these towns and live there a short time to fulfill the requirements of the law, since you are already a resident of the state."

Fremont and Papillion have been selected more frequently than other towns because of their closeness to Omaha and the excellent transportation facilities by which the tedium of continued rural life is rendered less unendurable. In the last year nearly a score of Omahans have adopted this method of securing divorces. It is estimated by lawyers, who are in a position to know.

The rural divorce first began to be popular in Omaha more than a year ago when judges of the district court stopped the practice of withdrawing petitions to conceal litigation. Their action followed an exposé of alleged "juggling of the records" in the office of Robert Smith, clerk of the district court, when an extremely prominent divorce case was covered up and uncovered by The Bee.

City to Collect More Taxes from Insurance Men

County Assessor Counsman today received from Assistant City Attorney F. P. a letter advising him that foreign fire insurance companies should pay city taxes on the same valuations as those on which they pay county, state and school taxes. Mr. Counsman, in accordance with this opinion, will assess these companies on a basis which will result in an increase of revenue to the city of more than \$5,000 yearly, he said.

Last year foreign fire insurance companies were assessed on a valuation of \$2,000, their gross annual premiums, for county and state purposes, but paid taxes for city purposes on a valuation of only \$125,000, their amounts of cash on hand, for city purposes.

An interpretation of a supreme court decision which resulted in the abolishment by the city of the office of tax commissioner, leaving the work to be done by county officials, is the basis of Mr. TePest's ruling. The decision does not bar the city from collecting taxes on a basis of gross premiums collected, he decided.

Autoists Park Cars in Middle of Street

Omaha autoists have already begun to park their cars in the middle of certain streets, as required by the new city ordinance. Until next Monday was given by Commissioner A. C. Kugel, superintendent of police, for the autoists to get accustomed to the new law, before enforcement would be begun, but the latter have started out promptly to follow the new rules.

Among the wide streets where autos are already being parked in the middle, are Howard street, from Sixteenth to Twentieth, and Eighteenth, from Harney to Douglas streets.

G. A. Joslyn Makes Another Purchase

George A. Joslyn has just invested another \$5,000 in Omaha real estate in the purchase from E. A. Thayer of the southeast corner of Fourteenth and Howard streets. "I just bought it as a speculation," said Mr. Joslyn. "I thought one of the possibilities of building the Western Newspaper Union plant there, but it seems the tractage is not to be available. Nevertheless, the property was offered for sale and I took it, as it is worth the money."

FORMER EMPLOYEES ASK BIG DAMAGES FOR SEARCHING

Ten former employees of Cudahy's packing company, South Omaha, have brought suit in district court against the company for \$50,000 each, because they were searched last February during an investigation to determine who was stealing meat. Their rights were violated by an authorized search of their persons they allege.

Makes 61 Feel Like 16. "I suffered with kidney ailment for two years," writes Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Miss., "and commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills about ten months ago. I am now able to do all my work without fatigue. I am now 61 years of age and feel like a 16-year-old girl." Foley Kidney Pills strengthen and invigorate weak, tired and degenerated kidneys; relieve back-ache, weak back, rheumatism and bladder trouble. They are tonic in action. Sold everywhere.—Advertisement.

Fourteen Federal Prisoners Before Judge T. C. Munger

Fourteen men, indicted by the federal grand jury, were arraigned before Judge T. C. Munger today.

William N. Gendron, indicted for having conspired money in his possession, showed a letter just received from his family in Pittsfield, Mass. His votes broke as he talked of his two boys.

Judge Munger was touched by the evident sincerity of the man. He had already been in jail six months and United States Attorney Howell refused to recommend a penitentiary sentence in view of the fact that Gendron had showed the secret service officers the place where the counterfeit money came from. He was sentenced to thirty days in the jail at Grand Island.

George Russell received the longest sentence. He and Roy Williams pleaded guilty to stealing a package from the American Express company here. Russell was sentenced to a year and three months in the federal prison at Leavenworth and Williams to one year and a day.

John J. Devine pleaded guilty to steal a parcel post package from the Union Pacific station at Columbus. He was sentenced to a year and a day in the Leavenworth prison.

Emil Musik Found Guilty of Murder; Penalty is Death

Emil Musik was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in the district court Friday afternoon. He was charged with cutting his wife's throat on the morning of March 5 at their home, 412 1/2 North Twenty-sixth street, South Omaha.

The jury fixed the penalty at death. Musik is executed he will be the first person in Nebraska to be executed by the electric chair.

County Attorney Magney and Assistant County Attorney Platt scored the man heavily in their addresses to the jury.

The 6-year-old daughter of Musik testified in the trial that "papa killed mamma and then ran out of the house laughing and clapping his hands." The defense sought to show that this and other acts proved Musik to be insane. Musik asserted that he was intoxicated when he committed the crime.

New Label League Organized by the Women of the City

A new central organization of labor has been organized in Omaha, the officers of which are all women. This is known as the Omaha Trade Union Card and Label League. It contemplates representing all the trades upon men and women of Omaha, much as the Central Labor union does, but in addition carries on constant agitation for the furtherance of the union card and label. The organization is to meet every Tuesday evening at the Labor temple.

Mrs. R. B. Donahoe, wife of the president of the Iron Workers, is president of the new organization. Mrs. K. A. Krumm, wife of the president of the Molders union, is vice president. Mrs. James Swanson, wife of the secretary of the Molders, is secretary. Miss Katherine Leonard is treasurer, and Mrs. Charles Fillman is trustee.

Street Railway and Gas Company Pay In Occupation Tax

The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company has paid into the city treasury \$14,612.20 occupation taxes for the first quarter of this year, this being 2 per cent of the gross earnings as required by ordinance.

The Omaha Gas company has remitted \$6,645 occupation taxes for the same period, this payment being made under protest, as the company has done for several years.

MENDELSSOHN CHOIR CONCERT SEATS IN DEMAND

The sale of book tickets for the Mendelssohn choir and Thomas' orchestral concert at the Auditorium on April 26 and 27 is going very strong this year, indicating the tremendous growth of musical taste in Omaha. Manager Gillan of the Auditorium and his ticket sellers have begun to fill the mail orders which have been rolling in to his office during the last week.

"We have never had so large a mail order sale for the Mendelssohn choir as that which has come in this year," said Mr. Gillan. "We have now nearly 600 orders numbered and filed, and these will average, I should say, about two and a half season tickets to the order. We will begin today to fill these orders in the exact rotation in which they came to this office. We keep a record of every mail order filed, showing the numbers of the tickets given out in exchange for the book tickets. All orders that were accompanied by an addressed and stamped envelope will be mailed out to the persons sending in the order, on April 20, one day before the box office opens for the personal applicants. Those who did not send addressed and stamped envelopes may secure their tickets by applying at my office on April 21. All mail orders will be filled before the box office opens on April 21, but none will be mailed out unless the orders were accompanied by addressed and stamped envelopes."

ARRESTED FOR PLANTING POISON IN ALFALFA LOT

Dr. T. J. Magarell of the Vitaphath Sanatorium, 2730 South Tenth street, was given a fine of \$25 and costs suspended for a sentence when arraigned in police court charged with malicious destruction of property. Magarell was convicted of having scattered poison in an alfalfa field near his house and in so doing killed a number of chickens belonging to A. Lurney, 1021 Bancroft street, and J. E. Ryan, 2729 South Eleventh street. Attorney John Wharton defended the physician.

REPUBLICANS MEET THIS EVENING

Mayor Dahlman Hurries Home to Be Here in Time for the Meeting of the G. O. P.

WANTS WET AND DRY ISSUE

Republican plans are proceeding for a rousing meeting which will be held at Washington hall this evening. A. W. Jeffers is besieged on all sides and by all sorts of political cliques. He says that the republican party has existed for a good many years and that the McKinley club has been in existence in Omaha for a number of years and he can see no objection to the republicans of Omaha meeting to endorse whom they see fit for the office of commissioners.

The republicans may inject party lines into the city election if they want to, but J. for one, will not consent to the Democrats doing likewise," declared Mayor Dahlman upon his return from a trip.

The mayor admitted that he came home in time to be here before the republican

meeting to be held Saturday evening in Washington hall. He ventured his opinion that the republicans want to get in line for the 1916 campaign, which the mayor believes will be an interesting one in this state.

"Yes, I still intend to project the wet and dry issue into the campaign during the next few weeks," added the mayor. Regarding an electric light and power rate ordinance introduced during his absence, the mayor said he favors an ordinance which shall have rates which the light company will grant without the necessity of litigation. He believes the light company will agree to a reasonable reduction and that the ordinance will become effective before very long.

Filing Fees Must Be Paid on All Appeals

Asel Steers, Jr., deputy clerk of the district court, this week will notify defendants and bondsmen who have appealed from convictions in police courts, but failed to pay filing fees in district court, in accordance with a recent ruling of the county attorney's office, that the cases have not been filed. If the fees are not paid by May 3, the first day of the next term of court, Police Judge Foster, will be notified, and it will then be up to him to enforce his sentences, according to county officials.

The regime is expected to do away with a large part of worthless appeal bond abuses which have existed in police court. The county in the past has been paying police court appeal filing fees.

MERROW CALLED ON CHIEF

Wanted to Find Women Whom He Said Was a Friend of His Mother.

WENT TO THE WRONG ADDRESS

George Woodbridge Merrow, Jr., of Hartford, Conn., who was found dead at Elkhorn Tuesday night, called at the office of Chief of Police Dunn Monday afternoon for information which would help him locate a Mrs. Clark, who has a daughter named Melida.

The chief gave Merrow the address of Mrs. J. J. Clark of 305 Boyd street, but when Merrow called at that address he learned that this woman was not the Clark he wanted to find.

Merrow told the chief that the Mrs. Clark he was seeking had been a friend of his mother, but he did not divulge the nature of his quest.

"Merrow gave me his card and his appearance convinced me at once that he was a man of education and refinement. He appeared to have something on his mind, but I did not feel like questioning him," said Chief Dunn.

The slip of paper found on Merrow at Elkhorn was the address given by the chief.

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Have Your Rubbish Ready for Wagons to Start Monday

The city street maintenance department announces that forty-eight wagons will be started out Monday morning for the annual cleanup campaign. The city has been divided into eighteen districts, with a man in charge of each district.

It is estimated that it will take the wagons from four to five days to make the complete rounds of the city.

The street department has received many calls from citizens who say they have heaps of rubbish ready for the wagons.

40FMEISTER ARRESTED FOR ABUSING HIS WIFE

Henry Hofmeister, 401 William street, was arrested on Monday morning on a charge of abusing his wife, when brought before Police Magistrate Foster. Mrs. Hofmeister testified that together with her three little boys she attended a picture show with an old friend of the family, Frank Brown, 1301 South Second street. Upon her returning home she was met by the husband, who spent the greater part of the night drinking from a bottle of gin and beating her, because she had gone with Brown to the playhouse. At 1 o'clock police officers, who had been summoned to the Hofmeister home, brought the husband to jail.

Landseekers Are Overrunning West for Land to Till

H. W. Lovelace of the land department of the Burlington is back from Wyoming. He went out ten days ago with a party of thirty-six landseekers and located thirty-five of them in western Nebraska and in Wyoming. Said Mr. Lovelace:

"The western part of Nebraska and portions of Wyoming, particularly around Gillette and the Big Horn basin are being overrun with men looking for land. Most of them are men with considerable means and nearly all are buying, some taking improved lands and others buying vacant tracts for ranch and grazing purposes. It looks as if the central portion of the west is going to be pretty well filled up with actual settlers this spring."

Hold Out Small Hope for Alfred Kennedy

Alfred C. Kennedy's condition is more critical than ever before, his attending physician says, and there is only small hope of his recovery. Although the former school board man and well known member of a pioneer family is entirely conscious, he is so seriously afflicted with heart trouble and attending complications that the worst is being prepared for. He has been ill five months.



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