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ROBERTS ON STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Accused Man Testifies that His Stepdughter Inflicted Blows that Killed Connett.

ALL THREE DISPOSED OF BODY

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Roy Roberts today gave the story of the killing of Vernon Connett near here last August on the witness-stand in the trial in which he is accused of the murder. He declared that his stepdaughter, Charles Clayton, inflicted blows upon Connett's head during a quarrel which he, the defendant, had with the young man. Later he and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton disposed of the body in the river.

The testimony of the defendant was in accord with the story of other witnesses, except as to the actual killing of Connett.

On the Sunday afternoon in question, Roberts said he and his stepfather, Charles Clayton, got to quarreling about Roberts' mother. While they were talking Connett stepped up and said:

Connett Takes Part. "If there is going to be any fighting I will do it."

The defendant then called Connett by name and Connett hit Roberts a blow on the jaw, knocking him down, got on top of him and was choking him.

Clayton then grabbed a hammer and hit the young man several times on the head, killing him.

They laid the body in the weeds and later the defendant and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton carried it to the mow wagon and Roberts took it to the South Platte river south of Sutherland, went to Hershey, sold the team, met Clayton in North Platte and divided the money.

The defendant next offered two witnesses who testified as to defendant's good reputation while out on parole.

The proprietor of the North Platte laundry and an employe then testified that Clayton brought a white dress and skirt to the laundry in September with red spots thereon, which the employe of the laundry thought were blood. These were washed at the laundry.

Explains Red Spots. Immediately on rebuttal this dress and skirt was brought into court and Charles Clayton, his wife and John Jones testified that once when returning from North Platte they were caught in the rain. Mrs. Clayton held a red comfort, which she produced in court, over her and stashed her dress with these red spots from the quilt. The case was argued to jury tonight and will be submitted near midnight.

Shallenberger May Use Primary Plan

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Shallenberger was in the city today inquiring into the six or more candidates for the postoffice appointment and endeavoring to reach a solution. Some of the candidates are asking for an election, similar to that held in Fremont, and Congressman Shallenberger this afternoon said he had given the question of elections considerable thought and was much inclined to favor them, not specifically for Grand Island, but as a general principle, where there was much division among democrats over candidates.

Here he wished to learn the sentiment of the local democratic leaders as well as of Mr. Thompson, whose wishes he would also like, if possible, to consider in view of his prominence in the party.

CUSTER COUNTY LAND CASE IS COMPROMISED

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—District court is in session this week with Judge Hostetter presiding. In the case of George H. Smith of Mason City, who was recently bound over to district court on a charge of embezzlement, the judge raised the bonds from \$500 to \$1,000 and put the case over to the April term of court.

The big land case of Samuels against Sloniger, involving many thousands of dollars, was compromised before the trial came to an end. The case was that of where John Samuels of Riverton, Ia., now deceased, traded some Custer county land with C. P. Sloniger of Lincoln, for Texas land. The Custer county land was sold to other parties and later the heirs to the Samuels' estate started suit and attempted to cancel the notes and set aside the Sloniger deal, making the plea that Samuels, at the time the deal was made, was incompetent and mentally unbalanced. In the compromise it is understood that both sides are to stand their own costs, various conciliations of notes, calling for large amounts, are to be made, the defendant takes the Texas land and the Custer county deal stands good. The suit attracted much attention and many witnesses from in and out of the state were called.

Fairbury News Notes.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—W. N. McLennan has returned from Council Bluffs, Ia., after being engineer on the Chicago-Nebraska flyer runs between that point and Lincoln. A. J. Kelley, regular engineer, has returned to work.

Extensive arrangements are being made by the four Protestant churches of Fairbury, including Presbyterian, Baptist, Christian and Methodist, for a big revival meeting in Fairbury from March 23 to April 25. The churches have raised \$2,000 to erect a tabernacle for this purpose. Rev. Oscar Lowry of Cedar Falls, Ia., will conduct the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Manion and children of Kelley Lake, Minn., are in Fairbury visiting friends. Mr. Manion is now assistant chief dispatcher for the Great Northern railway at Kelley Lake.

Jefferson county is now covered with a heavier blanket of snow than it has had since March, 1912. Farmers assert the snow will make a splendid wheat crop this year.

Broken Bow Club Elects Officers. BROKEN BOW, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The Public Service club of this city held its annual election Thursday night with the following result: E. R. Purcell, president; Ras Anderson, vice president; J. C. Lomas, treasurer; E. C. Walter, secretary; executive committee, A. E. Anderson, E. P. Bush, A. H. Souders, J. G. Leonard, A. L. Morgan; Mr. E. Eddy, N. T. Gash, H. P. Gates, E. R. Purcell, E. P. Walker, Ras Anderson.

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Activity in Gibbon Real Estate Circles

GIBBON, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—A company composed of I. A. Kirk, W. C. Ogilvie and Marshall Ross, all of the Exchange bank here, bought the remaining 161 acres, together with all buildings and feed mills, the south line coming within about three blocks of the Union Pacific and Hastings & Northwestern depot, consideration \$27,500, of Frank Hershey. The same men bought the other part of this fine ranch several months ago. This company in turn sold to John Teed twenty-eight acres lying directly north of the park for \$4,000.

Ross will move off this ranch property March 1 and will oversee the ranch for the company. W. M. Ross sold his eighty acres, a mile and a half west and a mile and a half north of Gibbon to F. A. Turner for \$10,000.

B. O. Chapman reports the sale of the W. C. Drury 150-acre farm, located three and one-half miles west and a mile and a half north of Gibbon, for \$14,000 to Charles Rayburn.

An eighty-acre piece of land, known as the Lee eighty, located two and a half miles directly west of Gibbon depot, sold twice during the week—first from Charles Rayburn to B. O. Chapman and again from Chapman to O. J. Walker, consideration \$5,200.

Mrs. John Reddy of Ogallala has sold her property at that place and will return in a few days to live in her property here. Her daughter and husband, Earl Temka, will accompany her. They were early settlers here and Gibbon welcomes them back with open arms.

Reappraisal of School Lands Up Before the Board

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—For the first time in the history of the State Board of Education lands and funds, a lessee of state school lands today took his objections to an increase in the appraised value of the leased land directly before the board.

Moreover, P. L. Hopper of Hayes county, the lessee, took the matter up with the board without even consulting Land Commissioner Beckman, who makes the re-appraisals. As a result it is understood that there was some little heat manifest at the hearing. The board took its action under advisement.

The land commissioner has reappraised over 19,000 acres of school lands and has had only two or three that really complained. For the most part the school lands are appraised so low that most of the lessees are more than content to let well enough alone even when the appraised value is raised to comparatively high figure. The land commissioner raised the appraised value of Hopper's quarter from \$10 to \$12. The lease figure is 4 per cent of the appraised value.

The land commissioner has lacked the funds for anything like a general reappraisal of school lands and is at present asking the legislature to make such a thing possible, as the low appraisal values are in some instances notorious.

VILLA IS SHOT BY BENTON SLAYER; NOT BADLY HURT

each other are in the field with forces of varying magnitudes. General Carranza, at the head of a large part of the original constitutionalist forces, will remain at Vera Cruz, which, it is understood, will continue as the capital of his government, notwithstanding the occupation of Mexico City by General Obregon's men.

The forces of General Zapata menace the line of communications between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. They are still said to be working in harmony with the Villa forces under the authority of the convention government.

In the north the Carranza forces hold San Luis Potosi and are threatening Monterey, which is held by General Felipe Angeles, chief lieutenant of General Villa. The latter at Aguas Calientes is preparing a southward movement against Queretaro, where some of the forces of General Gutierrez are reported to have assembled.

Although the siege of Puebla is said to have been abandoned by Zapata, his forces are still in occupation of the farthest outlying suburbs of Mexico City, according to State department reports.

Spencer Back Again. News that Catcher Ted Spencer has signed with the Vernon team will be of interest to a lot of fans everywhere. Spencer is said to have been on the water wagon for several months. He was a great catcher once and everybody will be interested in seeing if he can come back.

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Illustration of a woman and child.

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STATE GETS WAR BONNET

Mrs. Poppleton Loans Indian Relic of Ponca Tribe to Historical Society.

WAS GIFT FROM STANDING BEAR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—After Andrew Poppleton and John Lee Webster had successfully defended him in a suit by the United States to dispossess him and his tribe of land in 1879, Standing Bear, chief of the Ponca, presented Mr. Poppleton with the tribal war bonnet which had been in the family for generations.

Through the efforts of Myron L. Learned of Omaha, the owners of the relic, Mrs. Caroline L. Poppleton, her two daughters, Mrs. Myron Learned and Mrs. Ella E. Shannon, and the estate of William Sears Poppleton have been induced to loan the exhibit to the State Historical society at Lincoln.

The relic, which has the appearance of being made of white women's hair, is in a wonderfully good state of preservation, but for further safeguarding it the society will have it displayed in a hermetically sealed glass case.

Accompanying the loan was the following letter giving its history, written by Mrs. Poppleton in her own hand:

"The keystone given by the chief to the great attorney is a rare gift, being esteemed the most sacred, as it is the most venerable object in the possession of the tribe. It resembles a wig and was worn by the head chief only at the most weighty councils.

"Curiosity hunters have often tried to secure it at any price in money, but he has to one and all said that money could not buy it. Among occasions on which it has been worn was at the first treaty in 1858, we believe, made between the Poncas and the United States.

"Standing Bear, now in himself 63 years of age, informed us that when he was a little boy his father told him no one in the tribe knew how old it was and that it had come into their possession in generations long past."

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Falls in Cesspool, There All Night

SEWARD, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Rev. A. Davis of Milford when returning from the industrial home, near there, fell into an unused cesspool. He called in vain all night for aid, as it was in an isolated place. In the cesspool were two pieces of lumber, which he fixed in such a way that he could get within two feet of the opening. He then hallooed until morning, when the watchman at the industrial home heard him and rescued him. When he fell in he sprained one hand.

Auburn Man Wins Peace Prize. AUBURN, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—J. A. Hanna of Auburn, who is attending Leland Stanford university, has been awarded what is known as the Edward Berwick peace prize, of \$50, for the best plan to terminate forever war between nations. The subject of his paper was "Plank Attack on War." His paper argued not only a direct attack upon war by appealing to the adult, but also a flank attack through appeal to the minds of the children.

Dorchester Has Joyful Time. DORCHESTER, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—A large audience filled the Pastime theater to witness the third number of the lecture course staged by the Dorchester Commercial club. The house was packed. The event netted \$125. The entertainment consisted of a negro minstrel show and a comic skit entitled "The Awkward Squad."

POLICEMAN SUSPENDED FOR ATTACKING REPORTER

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Police Officer Vance was today suspended for ten days as a result of his assault yesterday on Reporter Elledge of the Free Press.

A petition is in circulation to the mayor and council for the reinstatement of Police Captain Cupp, one of the two officers denied and on which they challenged the mayor and their accusers for a public hearing, the hearing, however, being denied.

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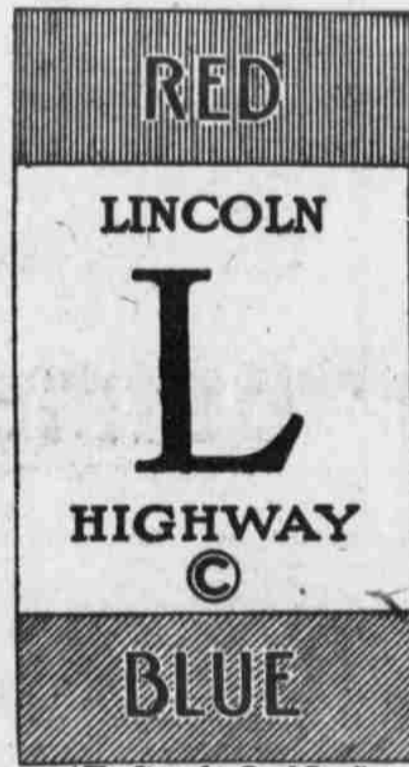
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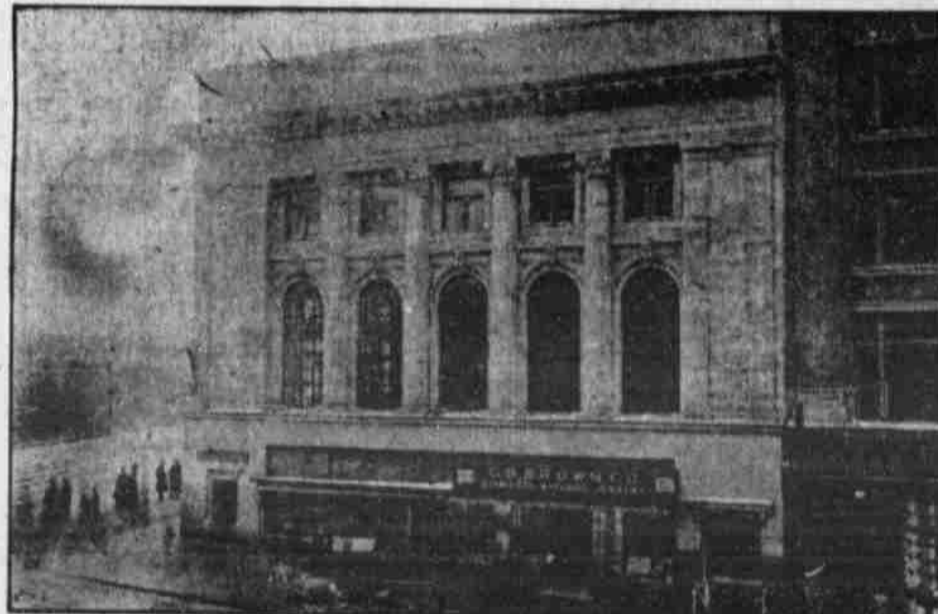
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There is plenty of room, so no danger of congestion or slow service during the rush hours. Elaborate rest rooms for men and women. The ventilating and heating system of the new United States National Bank building is the finest in the city and was installed at a cost of \$30,000.00. Special features in music have been engaged and will entertain the guests during lunch and dinner hours. A very elaborate soda fountain is another attractive feature that will please the soft drink patrons.

The sanitary conditions of this new cafeteria can not be excelled. No sweeping of dust or uncovered foods. All silverware, dishes, drinking glasses and cooking utensils are put through a process with boiling water that guarantees sanitation. Think what this alone means to you—a visit will convince you this is the place you care to dine.

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