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COUNTY OFFICIALS NAMED IN THE INDICTMENTS VOTED BY GRAND JURY

Sheriff Carroll D. Quinton Charged With Several Counts in the List of Indictments--William Grebe Charged With Assault And Malfeasance In Office--County Attorney Named Together With Holmes and Grebe In Lenz Case

JURY ALSO RETURNS INDICTMENTS AGAINST CHARLES C. PARMELE ON THREE COUNTS

Two Name Forgery as Alleged Offense and Third Charges Embezzlement--Julia Kaufman for Alleged Liquor Violation and Chief of Police Jones for Perjury and Intoxication--Other Warrants Remain to be Served, It is Said.

The greatest sensation that has been revealed in Cass county in many years followed the indictments voted by the grand jury that closed their deliberations here on Thursday evening and the serving of the warrants in the cases named in the indictments yesterday gave to the public the nature of the charges preferred against the several parties named which include largely the law enforcing officers of the county and the chief of police of the city of Plattsmouth as well as Charles C. Parmele, former president of the Bank of Cass County; Julia Kaufmann and two parties upon whom service has not yet been served with the warrants and which has not been made public.

The charges against Carroll D. Quinton, sheriff of Cass county since 1906, embraces a number of counts, charging him with having had knowledge of the unlawful possession of liquor by Walter Sans on or about June 1, 1922, and failure to arrest Sans. The same charge is preferred in the case of the alleged knowledge of the sheriff of the fact that Julia Kaufmann was in the possession of liquor the date of June 1, 1923, being given as the day that the offense charged occurred.

Six counts are contained in the charges that the sheriff failed to make the quarterly reports as demanded by the law and that on November 23, 1922, he made a false report of the fees collected.

The second indictment against the sheriff alleges that he made false sworn statements as to the amount of fees collected in his office for the first, second and third quarters of the year 1923.

There is only one indictment made against County Attorney A. G. Cole in which he, together with William Grebe, constable, and Fred A. Holmes, are charged with having on October 16, 1923, by threatening arrest and prosecution to John Lenz for the illegal possession of liquor caused him to turn over to the officers fifteen gallons of grape juice, which was not returned to the owner and no prosecution was filed in the case.

William Grebe, who has been acting as constable in the court of Justice of the Peace William Weber, is charged with malfeasance in office, in that of October 2, 1923, he assaulted Raymond W. Hayward and that on May 22, 1923, he assaulted Elmer Gaines.

Charges of assault and battery covering separate incidents are filed against Mr. Grebe in that he assaulted Raymond W. Hayward and Elmer Gaines.

Fred A. Holmes is charged in a separate indictment with usurpation of office in that on October 4, 1923, he took unto himself the right to exercise the office of deputy state sheriff and arrested Alex Eaton and Frank Bauer, both residents of Union, Cass county, Nebraska.

The charges preferred against Chief of Police Alvin Jones are those of malfeasance in office and perjury. It is alleged that on July 10, 1923, he failed to arrest Julia Kaufmann, although he knew that she was dealing unlawfully in liquor. Also that on July 10, 1922, he was in a state of intoxication and that on August 10, 1923, he had liquor illegally in his possession.

The perjury charge is based on the statement made before the grand jury on November 23, 1923, that he had never been in the home of Julia Kaufmann, although it is alleged he had been there.

The charges against Mrs. Julia Kaufmann are embraced in three counts of an indictment charging her with having on July 1, 1923, been in illegal possession of liquor and the second and third counts that she had sold liquor and given it away.

The indictment voted against Mr. Charles C. Parmele, former bank president, are two for alleged forgery and the third for alleged embezzlement. In the first indictment Mr. Parmele is charged with having on June 12, 1919, changed a draft for \$5,000 by having crossed out the name of Parmele and having inserted that of George W. Snyder. The draft having been signed by C. F. McGrew and drawn upon Mr. Parmele. The second charge for forgery alleges that he falsely uttered a check on the Bank of Cass County for \$3,783.92, signed "Will Jean" and made payable to Elizabeth Bergman. The third indictment charges Mr. Parmele with having committed alleged embezzlement in that while acting as the agent of Luke L. Wiles he converted to his own use the proceeds of a note for \$1,500 paid by Wiles to Parmele for the benefit of an obligation owed by Wiles to Daisy Douglas.

The parties were served with the indictments late Wednesday, County Clerk George R. Sayles serving on Sheriff Quinton and County Attorney Cole and the sheriff serving the remaining indictments.

The parties who are charged with the various offenses by the grand jury were present in court late Wednesday evening and gave bond for their appearance in the court on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock when they will be arraigned and their cases held for the petit term of court which will convene on December 19.

The parties deny any violation of law and Sheriff Quinton stated to newspaper representatives that his record in regard to law enforcement was such as to be proof of his having enforced the law and admitted that he might have made mistakes in his reports and that he should have been more prompt in the reports. He expressed his confidence in being vindicated by the future action in the cases. He also cited to the press his saving to the county of hundreds of dollars during his long term of office.

County Attorney Cole stated to the press that the action in the Lenz case was taken at the suggestion of Fred Holmes and out of sympathy of Mr. Lenz he did not file any charges against him in the case that has been named in the indictment.

To the press, Chief of Police Jones ascribed his arrest and the charges preferred against him as being caused by the desire of parties to get even with him and the bitterness caused by his appointment as chief of police. He denied any visitation at the home of Julia Kaufmann.

'PURE BUNK,' DECLARES PARMELE OF THE CHARGES

Interviewed by World-Herald Reporter, Former Banking Head Says Has Committed No Crime

Charles C. Parmele former president of the defunct Bank of Cass County, who was indicted on three counts by a grand jury Wednesday on charges growing out of his connection with the bank, last night declared that his predicament was caused by former patrons turning against him to make him "the goat" after he had befriended them in a business way.

Parmele was ill in bed at his room in the Paxton hotel. He returned to Omaha three weeks ago after ten months in Long Beach, Cal., where he was engaged in the real estate business. Since his return he has been ill and has been operated upon, he said. He learned of the brewing indictments in California, he said. "There are a lot of people down there at Plattsmouth who are agitated by the losses they suffered in a building and loan establishment. Some of them are just trying to raise hell."

"It's all pure bunk," he said. "I never committed any forgeries or embezzlements. Whenever I signed a check for a client it was nothing more than charging his account with an item he had authorized. It was

never done with intention to defraud."

Explains Transaction
Referring to his indictment for alleged forgery of a \$5,000 draft signed by C. F. McGrew, on which he is alleged to have crossed out his own name and inserted that of George W. Snyder, Mr. Parmele said:

"Snyder owed McGrew something like 12 thousand or 15 thousand dollars. McGrew called up and asked me if Snyder could pay 5 thousand immediately and the rest at his convenience. I called Snyder and he said it would be all right to give McGrew the amount as McGrew was leaving town. McGrew then sent a draft on me for 5 thousand dollars through the Corn Exchange National bank.

Says Snyder Credited
"I called Snyder and showed him the draft. He told me to charge it to his account. So I drew a lead pencil all through my name in the draft and charged it to him at his own suggestion. All this was nearly five years ago and Snyder got his statement and settled with the bank. He got credit for the payment."

Mr. Parmele said Snyder was heavily indebted on land matters and got embarrassed. "He went busted and tried to make a go of me," he declared.

The alleged false utterance of a check signed by Will Jean and payable to Elizabeth Bergman for \$3,783.92, one count in the indictment, was a pure business transaction, Mr. Parmele asserted.

"I signed his name, I admit it," he said, "but there was nothing wrong in it."

People Got Sore
"Elizabeth had a mortgage on eighty acres of Jean's land and she asked me to fix it up. I talked with Jean and gave her his check for the amount, signing his name."

Mr. Parmele's recital of the details of his indictment on a third count of embezzlement of \$1,500 to be paid to Daisy Douglas was halted upon the advice of his lawyer, to whom he telephoned, and who cautioned him to say nothing of the charges until the lawyer had had an opportunity to peruse the indictment.

"But it was the same kind of a case, the transfer of money for a patron in compliance with the patron's wishes," Mr. Parmele said.

The bank of which he said he had been president for twenty-five years, failed three years ago because of an internal fight between himself and a family of heavy stockholders who were trying to gain control, he said.

"But the bank closed its doors entirely solvent, the receiver told me that," he said.

"The people to whom we lent money steadily got sore when we could not lend them any more because of 'frozen' assets. You know what the hard times did to the bankers, don't you?"—World-Herald.

HAS VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT
From Friday's Daily—
Yesterday morning, Richard Beal, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beal, was taken to Omaha where he was placed in the hospital to have his injured right leg treated and set. Richard was very seriously injured on Wednesday evening when he had his right leg badly fractured at a point just below the hip.

HAS A BAD FALL

From Friday's Daily—
Edward Donat, the proprietor of the Peerless soft drink parlor is getting around rather slowly as the result of an accident sustained on Wednesday afternoon and which has incapacitated him to a large extent from his usual activities.

The grand jury against the place of business of Mr. Donat is a small stairway leading up into the room occupied by Charles E. Martin as a law office and on Wednesday afternoon Mr. Donat hurrying back to the rear of his building in search of an oil can without thinking that one of the steps was out, ran up the stairway and the first that Mr. Donat was aware he had fallen through to a depth of several feet into the space beneath the stairs and as the result sustained several very badly bruised ribs and the trunk makes getting around far from pleasant.

COUNTY ATTORNEY EXPRESSES GREAT SURPRISE

Says He Did Not Have Possession of Liquids Taken From the Lenz Home by Officers.

This morning County Attorney Cole at his office in the court house stated to a representative of the Journal that the indictment voted by the grand jury against the Lenz case came as completely a surprise as a bolt from out of the sky to him.

Regarding the Lenz case in which the indictment was voted, Mr. Cole stated that the grape juice that had been taken from the Lenz home by William Grebe and Fred Holmes had never been in his possession nor in his office and that as far as he knew the stuff had been turned over by the owner, Mr. Lenz, to Grebe and Holmes and that the juice was still at the jail where it had been left.

Mr. Cole also stated that he had conducted the office as he had thought best for the interest of the county and that, on the suggestion of Mr. Holmes, when Mr. Lenz had made his voluntary appearance at the office on the evening of the day that the grape juice had been taken, had not prosecuted the man as he thought he would be a very great hardship on him in having to pay a fine.

ENTERTAIN FOR FRIENDS
From Friday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Pickett and family on a high school hill was the scene of a very pleasant gathering when a number of the relatives and friends were entertained at a most sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner and the delightful time that followed.

Those attending the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ott Hurler, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Elva Barker and daughter, Leola, Lincoln; Mr. Jess Smith, Lincoln; Miss Beadie C. Herring, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed and daughters, Misses Ona, Helen and Nadine and sons, Ralph and Harry, of Nebraska City; Mr. Winnie Pickett, Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and grandson, Orval Smith, Ray; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pinnegar, Hamburg, Iowa; Mr. Roy McBride, Omaha; Mr. Ray Ayler, Plattsmouth and Miss May Alwin, Plattsmouth.

GOOD WHEAT YIELD

From Friday's Daily—
The farm of O. T. Leyda west of Murray consisting of 200 acres has had a very fine yield of corn this season and one of the largest crops of the year will be gathered there, Mr. Leyda states. On nine acres of the farm there was a yield of corn amounting to eighty bushels and the average all over the farm was estimated at sixty bushels to the acre, which is a very fine showing, and one that is especially gratifying to the owner of the land.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Sunday afternoon a distressing accident occurred south of town, near the farm of Mrs. Henderson Ward.

Mrs. J. Watson, Mrs. Pauline Mason and two sons of Lincoln were on their way to La Platte to spend the day.

Mrs. Mason is a sister of Wm. Gusset, one of the flagmen for the Missouri Pacific here, and they were coming here to get him to go on the visit with them.

The axle on one front wheel broke and the car turned over, seriously injuring Mrs. Mason, cutting her badly about the head and face. The other occupants escaped with slight cuts and bruises.

They were brought to town and had their wounds dressed, and friends took them to their home in Lincoln.

Mr. Gusset accompanied them and returned on Tuesday morning. He reports his sister doing as well as could be expected.—Weeping Water Republican.

Interesting novelties at St. Mary's Christmas shop December 5th, M. W. A. Hall.

CHURCHES OF CITY UNITE IN THANKSGIVING

SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH ARE VERY LARGELY ATTENDED BY THE MEMBERS.

REV. W. R. ROBB THE SPEAKER

Gives Inspiring Plea for Brotherhood of Man and Ideals that Have Made This Nation Great.

From Friday's Daily—
The Thanksgiving day services at the Methodist church Wednesday evening were attended by a very pleasing congregation and among the audience were representatives from the various Protestant churches of the city gathered to render in their thanks as did the Pilgrims for their debt of gratitude for the blessings of the years past and for the future of the nation.

On the platform were seated four of the ministers of the city, Rev. E. Pfutz of the Methodist church, presiding; Rev. H. G. McClusky of the Presbyterian church, Father W. S. Leete of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, and Rev. Walter R. Robb of the Christian church.

As the services were opened the choir of the church and the members of the congregation joined in the singing of "America," the song most appropriate to the occasion that was being observed by the worshippers.

The prayer was offered by the Rev. H. G. McClusky and the scripture lesson given by Father W. S. Leete. A special number was given in the vocal solo by Mrs. E. H. Wescott, who sang "The Recessional," which was fitting to the spirit of the evening and the Thanksgiving season.

The speaker of the evening was introduced very pleasantly by Rev. Pfutz and at once launched into his address which was very clear and to the point and to those who filled the church the message carried home.

This was the first appearance of Rev. Robb to the general audience of the city and the public was well pleased with the very able discourse offered.

Rev. Robb pointed out in his remarks the songs of the Hebrew people as told in the psalms, wherein they praised the name of the Lord and rejoiced in the benefits that had been their nation and in the delivery of their nation out of bondage in a foreign land and their restoration to their homeland. He pleaded for a deeper appreciation of the goodness of the Almighty to our land, for our material prosperity in the year past, for the preservation of our nation and for the brotherhood of man, nationally and in the world at large, and praised the attitude of the United States in the world war when it had gone forth, not for the sake of conquest, but for the idealism that would restore the trouble torn world and bid war and suffering to begone from the face of the earth.

Rev. Robb paid a very lofty tribute to President Woodrow Wilson for his leadership in the fight for a world peace and the advancement of the brotherhood of man in the world—the greatest advocate of this ideal the world has known since the humble Man of Galilee walked upon the earth.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT MASONIC HOME

Special Observance of Day Marked with Bountiful Feast for All at the Noonday Meal.

Yesterday in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving the members of the Masonic Home enjoyed a very fine observance of the day and certainly will long be pleasantly remembered by all those present.

The superintendent of the Home, Mr. W. F. Evers, Mrs. Evers and the matron, Mrs. Ona Lawton, had arranged a very pleasant time for all of the members of the family at the great Masonic institution and the dinner that was served at the noon hour was one that embraced all the good things that might be desired and certainly aided in making the day one of real thanksgiving.

The plans for the new infirmary that it is proposed to erect and join the present units of the Home buildings have been received by Superintendent Evers and the new building will be a great addition to the home and permit the handling of all of the bedfast patients at the new building instead of in the main building as at the present time. The infirmary will provide for twenty rooms for patients, offices, nurses' room, supply rooms for the medical

supplies and a large living room situated at the northwest corner of the building.

The new building will be located near the present cottage on the east portion of the grounds, and near where it is proposed to have the new boulevard laid out, which is pending the action of the city council at the present time and on the favorable action of the city the Home board can go ahead with their plans for further improvements.

The institution will be an immense affair in the course of time and the new building is arranged so that it can be made a part of a series of building units that will be erected from time to time by the association as the institution expands.

LANGHORST STORE AT ELMWOOD LOOT-ED WEDNESDAY

Mercantile Establishment Robbed of Goods Estimated at \$2,000. Says State Sheriff's Office.

From Friday's Daily—
The large retail store of L. F. Langhorst at Elmwood was the scene of a wholesale robbery on Wednesday and goods to the amount of \$2,000 on the estimate of Mr. L. F. Langhorst, the owner, was taken from the store, who notified the state sheriff's office at Lincoln and brought State Sheriff Carroll to the scene of the robbery a few hours afterward.

No clues were found indicating the number of men who took part in the robbery, but it is evident by the amount of goods taken as well as the articles that the robbers must have had a truck or at least two cars in making their getaway with the goods.

The robbers evidently made their entry to the store through a back window after prying off the screen and opening the window. The bolt on the back door was broken and it is thought that the robbers made their escape in this manner.

As near as could be figured the robbery must have occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock Wednesday morning although it was not discovered until later when the town marshal visited the store about 5 o'clock and found the robbery had been committed. He had been around the place previous to 3 o'clock so the robbery figured to have occurred between his rounds over the city.

In the list of articles taken as given out by Mr. Langhorst were 60 men's duck and leather coats, twenty-five ladies' coats, two of which were of plush material, a large number of bolts of silk cloth, a large number of sweaters and some silk and wool shirts. About two hundred pairs of ladies silk hose was also taken.

WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

From Friday's Daily—
This morning Edgar Wescott, Edward Patterson, Joe Buttery, John Hatt, Jr., Harlan Gorder and Forest Shrader departed for Lincoln, where they will attend the Older Boys' conference, which is being held there in connection with the Boy Scout work in the state. The boys will be met by C. H. Peden, scoutmaster in Lincoln and he will attend the meeting with them.

The clever card table covers shown at St. Mary's Christmas shop are most artistic in design, December 5th, one day only. At M. W. A. hall.

SHERIFF DEPARTS TO SERVE WARRANTS

ACTION IS TAKEN IN CARRYING OUT SERVING OF LAST INDICTMENTS OF JURY.

FRICKE ARRESTED AT NELSON

Former Building & Loan Secretary One of Those Indicted, Will be Brought Here Soon.

From Saturday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon Sheriff C. D. Quinton left the city with his destination carefully concealed but despite the veil of secrecy thrown over the carrying out of the indictment of the grand jury it was learned that his destination was Nelson, Nebraska, and the purpose was that of serving on Carl G. Fricke, former secretary of the Livingston Loan & Building association, the warrant made on the indictment of the grand jury.

This leaves but one of the indictments remaining unserved and this is generally understood to be one charging J. W. Chilton with fraud in connection with the purchasing of the C. E. Williams store in this city several months ago. The exact whereabouts of Mr. Chilton is unknown at the present time although it has been understood that he is at his former home at North Platte.

The indictment, growing out of the difficulties that have beset the affairs of the Livingston & Building association, has been expected since the summoning of the grand jury and the former stockholders have been very urgent that someone be held for the responsibility of the trouble that resulted in their loss. It will be remembered that there was a shortage that has been estimated at from \$80,000 to \$96,000 in the funds of the association and at the time that the affairs of the company first came into the limelight, J. E. Hart, of the state bureau of banking and commerce, was here to try and adjust the affairs and the stockholders at a meeting decided to carry on the association at that time and a meeting of the officers of the association accepted a settlement from Mr. Fricke of his property and in turn there was executed a signed settlement with the former secretary in which he was cleared of responsibility in the matter. Later the assets of the Livingston Loan & Building association and their remaining stockholders were transferred over to the Standard Co., of Omaha, which has since been carrying on the affairs of the association here.

The settlement, which failed to cover the losses of the association, has caused more or less dissatisfaction among the late stockholders and the matter was taken before the grand jury at its session, with the result that an indictment was voted by the jury.

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