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Arnold Mast is Released on Shooting Charge

Court Holds Evidence Not Sufficient to Hold Prisoner of Shooting With Intent to Kill

From Thursday's Daily—
The preliminary hearing of the complaint against Arnold Mast, Nebraska farmer, charging him with shooting with intent to kill his nephew, Theron Murray, was held in the county court before Judge A. H. Duxbury and resulted in the charges being dismissed on the ground that there had not been sufficient evidence to warrant the holding of the man for trial.

Mr. Mast was represented at the hearing by Attorney D. O. Dwyer and Attorney W. L. Dwyer while the state was represented by County Attorney W. G. Kieck.

Theron Murray testifying as to the incidents taking place on Saturday morning, May 23rd, stated that he was engaged in listing on the Murray farm, being in a field just west of the place where Mr. Mast, his uncle, resides, that while he was working with a team he heard bullets flying and the team became frightened and he had some trouble in getting them back. The bullets came apparently from a grove or orchard on the Mast place.

Mr. Mast, in his testimony, stated that he had not seen Theron Murray on Saturday, that he had gone into a small grove near his home and had his rifle with him, the mother telling him if he was going out, to shoot a rabbit for an old dog that they have at the house. He had shot at the rabbit but at nothing else that day. He was not aware of the presence of Murray in the field or that he claimed to have been shot at until the officers arrived with the warrant for his arrest on the complaint filed by Murray.

There were a number of the neighbors of the parties present at the court and listening with great interest to the two stories of the shooting.

GIVES FINE RECITAL

On Wednesday afternoon, May 27th, a piano recital was given at the auditorium of the Public Library by the pupils of Miss Olive Gass.

The decorating committee brought spring flowers which gave a festive and spring-like air to the occasion. A basket full of old-fashioned yellow roses decorated the piano.

The work of the pupils was most pleasing to the parents and friends present.

The special numbers made a welcome variety on the program. These numbers were as follows: A saxophone solo was given by Joe Benak with Mary Benak as accompanist; a trumpet solo was played by James Comstock with Cecil Comstock as accompanist. This was the trumpet solo that won first prize for James at the contest at Omaha.

The following piano duet numbers were offered by other members of the class:

Song of the Drum by Mary Anne Highfield and Isabel McFarland; The Woodland Spring by Louise and Burton Rishel; Grand Valse Brillante by Leona Meisinger and Mary Benak.

The following are the names of those who took part on the program: Joe Benak, Burton Rishel, Donald Cotner, James Comstock, Cecil Comstock, Delores Gradoville, Beatrice Ann Ruth Westover, Isabel McFarland, Mary Anne Highfield, Janet Westover, Lois Troop, Dorothy Yost, Louise Rishel, Mary Benak, Leona Meisinger.

JOHN GORDER HOME

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gorder returned home Thursday from Rochester, Minnesota, where they have been for several weeks. Mr. Gorder is undergoing treatment at one of the Mayo hospitals. Mr. Gorder is feeling very much improved in his condition although tired by the trip from Minnesota. The many friends are very much pleased to see him back home again and trust that he may soon be able to enjoy his old time health and vigor. The Gorder family will spend the summer months at their large farm in Colorado and be near their daughter, Miss Martha, who is now located at Pueblo as swimming instructor in the women's department of the Y. M. C. A.

TRUCK SMASHES BRIDGE

On Thursday a truck belonging to the Watson Brothers of Nebraska City, crashed into the railing of a culvert on Rock creek, south and east of Murray with the result that the truck and bridge both suffered a great deal of damage. The truck was coming north and the front wheel of the truck negotiated the bridge all right but the rear wheel of the right side ran up on the low railing and straddled it and with the result that the rail was badly bent and damaged and the truck more or less smashed up and placed out of commission.

BROUGHT HERE FOR FUNERAL

From Friday's Daily—
The remains of Mrs. Lizzie Kelly, whose death occurred Tuesday at her home in Memphis, Tennessee, were brought to South Omaha yesterday, where funeral services were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Following the services in Omaha the remains were brought here and interment made in the Oak Hill cemetery where her parents and a brother are buried.

The deceased was for many years a resident of this city, being a daughter of John A. and Rebecca Monroe, both of whom were pioneer residents who died here in 1928. The deceased was a resident of Omaha for a few years after leaving this city, and about two years ago went with her husband to make their home in Tennessee. Among the relatives surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Miranda Mayfield of Memphis, Neb., Mrs. Lillian Sparks and Mrs. Susan Nichols of Omaha, and they with many other relatives and friends were here to attend the burial services.

Flowers in Parkways Add to the City

Many Very Attractive Spots to Be Found Along the Streets Over the City

The policy adopted several years ago of planting flowers and shrubs in the small parks and parkways along the streets of the city and which is operated as a part of the city park system, has resulted in some very attractive looking places.

At this season of the year the iris which has been used in a great many of the parks, is in full bloom and presents a most charming picture to the passerby along the avenues of the city. One of the most showy is that in the small parking at Eighth street and Washington avenue. In this parking flowers secured from donations by Mike Vitersnik and A. L. Tidd had been planted and they are now in full bloom, a rare treat to the community.

In other sections of the city the flowers and shrubs that have been planted are now in full bloom and add very much to the appearance of the city.

With the use of flowers and shrubs a great many otherwise unattractive places are made real spots of beauty and make for a much more attractive showing for the community and especially to the persons who are driving through the city.

The landscaping that has been carried out at the Nebraska Masonic Home also adds very much to the general beauty of the northwest section of the city as it is located along one of the main drives and is always one of the show places of this part of the state.

A RARE OLD PAPER

From Thursday's Daily—
J. H. Fay, who recently moved to this city to take up duties as an inspector at the Burlington shops, was a caller at the Journal today and left a copy of the New York Times of April 15, 1865, giving the details of the death of President Lincoln and also the various items of the closing days of the war, the flight of Jefferson Davis and the march of Sherman north from Savannah and Charleston through the Carolinas and Virginia. The paper, also one of the leading publications of the country is a great deal different from the Times of today. The body of the paper is set in six point and the headings are composed of almost every face of type then known.

The paper is one that Mr. Fay had cherished for a great many years and has kept with him in the thirty-five years that he has spent in the railroad game, he formerly having been a conductor in the service in Wyoming and Montana. Mr. Fay and family are now residing at 211 South Fifth street.

TREE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

From Friday's Daily—
During the storm last evening, shortly after 8 o'clock, a large cottonwood tree in the small park on North Third street was struck by lightning and badly splintered by the force of the bolt. The members of the William Heinrichsen family were sitting in the living room of their home just a short distance from the park when the bolt fell and it caused a great blaze of fire over the entire neighborhood for a few minutes as well as greatly shocking the members of the Heinrichsen family.

HAS OATS STOLEN

Deputy Sheriff Young was called to the vicinity of Elmwood on Wednesday where the theft of 100 bushels of oats was reported from the farm of Lawrence Alben. The oats were stored in a granary located some distance from the farm house and the loss of the oats was not discovered until Wednesday morning. There was no trace found of where the oats might have been taken or the direction of the party taking them had gone.

Seek Better Road Facilities on Platte Bottom

Property Owners as Well as Military Authorities Seek New Road on Bottom.

The question of a roadway along the Platte bottoms north and east of highway No. 75 has been taken up by a number of the residents of that section and also by the military authorities at Fort Crook who are interested in the proposition by reason of the government rifle range which would be served by the road.

C. L. Stull, one of the extensive land owners of that locality has filed a petition signed by a number of the residents of the precinct as well as the officers at Fort Crook asking that a road be authorized by the board of county commissioners to be located along the right of way of the Burlington east from the highway and which should be constructed to connect with road 243 to the east, furnishing a road to the range and for the residents of that section. It is also asked by the petition of Mr. Stull that road 307 running north of Swallow hill be vacated by the county.

Another petition has been filed by John Rutherford and others in which it is asked that road 307 be opened up all the way from highway No. 75 to the rifle range on the east and connecting with road No. 243, and that the road be worked and placed in proper shape for travel.

A list of names has also been filed asking that their names be withdrawn from the petition filed by Mr. Stull.

The road matter is being investigated by County Surveyor Fred Patterson and who will prepare a report for submission to the board of county commissioners for their meeting on June 2nd.

The military authorities are interested in the development of either of the roads as it will lessen the distance of the transportation of marching troops to and from the fort and range and they may be able to secure the surfacing of the roadway to the range. At the present time the road to the range is over the Eighth street hill and much longer for the troops going to and from the range.

BRIDGE PLAYERS STALLED

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. S. W. Bell and Mrs. L. L. Turpin, now residents of Omaha, are members of a bridge club which they joined while living in this city. The members still continuing their pleasant social gatherings and thereby hangs the tale of the disagreeable experience of the members of the club. The Plattsmouth members had been invited to Omaha last evening to enjoy the evening at the pleasant home of Mrs. Bell and last night shortly before seven o'clock the entire metropolis even though the rain was sweeping down with a great deal of force. All progressed well until the two car loads of ladies arrived in the vicinity of La Platte where the rain and mud before they were able to secure assistance to get out of their difficulty. Several cars passed but ignored the plight of the ladies until a car of tourists passed and who stopped to inquire as to the difficulty and the men of the party proceeded to push out the car of the mouth ladies and finally got it in running shape again, permitting the party to arrive at Omaha close to 9:30 and the belated play of bridge. The party returned home after 1 o'clock and feeling that they had a real strenuous evening.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily—
Mrs. Frank Krejci, who has for the past two weeks been at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha recovering from an operation of a very serious nature, has improved so much that she was able to return home this afternoon. Mr. Krejci motoring up to the hospital and returning with the wife. It will be necessary, however, for Mrs. Krejci to remain quiet for some time and she will recuperate here. The children, who have been in Omaha at the home of an aunt, will remain there until the mother is able to be up and around again.

RAILROAD ENGINEERS HERE

From Thursday's Daily—
A party of engineers of the Burlington, who are engaged in an inspection tour of the lines along the Missouri river, were in the city last evening and today looking over the various lines. Frank T. Darrow, of Lincoln, one of the best known officials of the company was with the party and took advantage of the occasion to visit with the old time friends in this city. They departed this morning on a continuation of their trip over the lines south and east.

PURCHASES STORE HERE

From Friday's Daily—
The stock of furniture and household goods carried in the Plattsmouth Furniture Exchange which was opened two years ago by F. G. Corvill, was today disposed of to S. A. Green, who has been connected with the Ghrist Furniture Co.

Since the death of Mr. Corvill the business has been looked after by Mrs. Corvill and who has been anxious to dispose of it as the burden of the nature of the business has been too severe. With the sale of the store Mrs. Corvill will probably leave for Ashland where a daughter resides and where she will make her home.

Mr. Green is an experienced furniture man and with wide acquaintance that should assist him very much in the new establishment that he has secured.

Beauty Specialist Coming to Soennichsen's

Women of Plattsmouth to Learn of Latest Developments in the Beauty Culture Line

A rare treat is in store for local women next week, when Mrs. Margaret Beebe, beauty specialist, will be at Soennichsen's to explain some of the more modern trends in scientific beauty culture. Mrs. Beebe is a graduate beauty specialist of wide experience, a personal representative of Dorothy Perkins and her work has been described as truly remarkable.

A special advertisement announcing "Courtesy Week" at the Soennichsen store appears in today's Journal, and in it cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity. It is necessary to make appointments for the beauty specialist's stay is limited on one week only, starting Monday, June 1st.

SCHOOL ENJOYS PICNIC

The annual picnic of the St. John's school was held Thursday afternoon, the event being held at the Knights of Columbus hall instead of at the Elks country club as had been planned, the weather man having decided to have a day of showers and storm that made the indoor event necessary.

The occasion was one, however, in which the young folks of the school enjoyed much delight and aside from the harrangue of the outdoor sports there was the real picnic spirit prevailing.

The picnic was arranged by the Parent-Teachers association of the school with Mrs. F. I. Rea as the chairman of the event and everything that could possibly add to the enjoyment of the scholars and the parents was provided.

There were some two hundred to enjoy the event and from early in the afternoon merriment reigned supreme as the games were played under the supervision of the members of the association as well as the teachers. The supply of the good things that had been prepared for the picnic was served at an appropriate hour and embraced everything that the appetites of the young people whetted by the play time, could wish.

D. A. R. HOLDS ELECTION

Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the library on Monday afternoon for their regular business meeting and to hear the annual reports of the officers of the chapter.

The chapter also took up the matter of the election of the officers for the ensuing year and the following were named:

Regent—Mrs. J. S. Livingston.
Vice Regent—Mrs. F. R. Gobelman.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. W. Clement.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Helen Farley.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. C. McMaken.
Historian—Miss Pearl Staats.
Chaplain—Miss Caroline Baird.
Registrar—Mrs. L. O. Minor.

POSTOFFICE FORCE BUSY

The force at the U. S. postoffice in this city has been leading a very strenuous time in the last few days, vacations and illness having made a shift of the force necessary. Paul Vandervoort, one of the city carriers has been on the sick list the greater part of the time for the past two weeks. Ray Larson, one of the clerks is now on his vacation and this has caused John Sanders to be drafted into the service and this work with his other activities has kept John busy from 6:30 in the morning until late at night.

Large map of Cass county on sale at Journal office. 50c each.

Local Sand and Gravel Pits to Have Low Rate

Are Now Included in the List Submitted by the Burlington for Lower Rates.

The refusal of the state railway commission to issue a hurry-up order Monday permitting the Burlington railroad, among others, to sharply reduce rates on carload shipments of sand and gravel for the remainder of the year, brought quick results. The commission declined to act at that time because of evidence produced by objecting sand pit owners to indicate that the proposed rates would be for the benefit almost exclusively of the Lyman-Richey company, the biggest producer in the state. The proposed rates ignored other pits on the lines of the railroad.

Late Wednesday afternoon representatives of the Burlington submitted a new application in which every station on its lines where pits are operated was given the opportunity to benefit by the proposed rates, and Thursday morning the commission issued authority that gives the railroad an opportunity to make them applicable at once. The Union Pacific has indicated that it will follow suit.

The commission, in issuing the new order, made it plain that this will not halt its investigation, slated for June 8, of all rates on all railroads covering sand, gravel and crushed stone with a view to a general scaling down. The application asked only that this order be issued pending that inquiry.

The Burlington was moved to haste by the fact that a number of road improvement contracts are to be let Thursday and within the next few days, and also because a number of contractors who have secured awards have not yet purchased their sand and gravel. The issuance of the order at once will permit the railroad to compete with the trucks that have lately been taking away considerable of their tonnage.

One of the jobs to be benefitted by lower costs is that which Lancaster county is about to begin in the vicinity of Waverly. The present rate is 60 cents while the new one is 40 cents. The job in the vicinity of Gretna and Ralston will also be similarly benefitted. Fourteen thousand dollars will be saved the state on the McCook improvement of nearly ten miles of paved highway, the rate being cut from \$1.50 to \$1.00 from let Thursday and within the next few days, and also because a number of contractors who have secured awards have not yet purchased their sand and gravel. The issuance of the order at once will permit the railroad to compete with the trucks that have lately been taking away considerable of their tonnage.

The new rates apply from every pit in the Burlington where sand and gravel is being worked, and will also be made applicable at any other point where a new pit is opened. As the hauls are all on its own lines, the application makes no request with respect to switching charges, but the rates expire by limitation on Dec. 31 next.

The order quotes the same rate to points of consumption from the pits of the Allis company at Allis, Consumers company at Cone's Spur, Lyman-Richey at Ashland, Scheibler company at Louisville and Western at South Bend, omitted from the first application. The Merritt & Son pit and that of Lyman-Richey at Oread are also included in the new rates. Other points of origin included in the cut are Central City, Bridgport, Gravelvale, Grand Island and Newman spur, where Lyman-Richey has pits. Cowles where the Western company operates and Lowell, where the Lund company has a pit.

The new rates represent a 30 to 33 1/3 percent reduction. They apply to all intermediate points, a provision excluded in the original application.

ENJOY FINE TIME

The members of the Q. Z. society held a very pleasant meeting and picnic at the Elks country club on last Wednesday afternoon. The ladies held their regular session and the ladies having brought baskets of dainties with them proceeded to spread a very fine luncheon and in which they were joined by the gentlemen in the evening to partake of the feast. Mrs. L. L. McCarty and Mrs. Paul Wohlfarth were the hostesses of the occasion.

IN APPRECIATION

To the people of Plattsmouth and vicinity nearby towns, during the four and one-half years of our business life here, we thank you, also for the words of respect, they held for Mr. Corvill, and regret at his passing. We are glad for the new friends we have made in business and social life. These years in Plattsmouth were a pleasant memory. We wish for the new owner of the Plattsmouth furniture Exchange years of success.—Mrs. F. G. Corvill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dutcher of Warrenburg, Missouri, are here for a visit with the relatives and friends and were accompanied here by Robert R. Livingston, who has been spending the winter at Warrenburg.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Thursday's Daily—
Miss Carlyne Thomas was honored at her home on west Elm street by a delightful surprise, the occasion being her eighteenth birthday anniversary. A group of the high school friends participated in the pleasures of the evening and which included dancing and cards. A beautiful birthday cake with its glowing candles featured the luncheon table.

The guest of honor received a large number of very beautiful gifts as tokens of remembrance from the friends.

Mrs. Thomas was assisted in serving by Mrs. John W. Gamble of Omaha, grandmother of Miss Carlyne, Aimee Jane and Betty Ann Thomas.

Those present were: Lola Dow, Claire Shellenbarger, Newton Sullivan, Irma Maxwell, Helen Schultz, Bob Hartford, Margaret Shellenbarger, Gilbert Hinz, Lucille Albert, Chester Wiles, Germaine Mason, Wm. Mrasek.

An Old Time Observance of Decoration Day

Fifty Years Ago Saw Occasion One of the Most Important in the Calendar of Year

Fifty years ago on May 30th, 1881, one of the most extensive observances of Memorial day was held. One of the old time residents of the city related today as he was glancing over the few names of the G. A. R. rolls.

On this event the members of the G. A. R. gathered at the lower end of Main street and by 9 o'clock the parade was taken up, the band heading the line of march and a file and drum corps composed of John Leech, ex-confederate soldier, and Ross Morrow, fifer, and William Dunstun and William Morrow as drummers, and S. F. Hollaway, bass drummer.

The line of march of the veterans proceeded to the cemetery and the distance was covered on foot, followed by the ladies and singing societies in bugles, wagons and all kinds of vehicles that might be drafted into service. At the cemetery the orator of the day spoke and the parade came to a close.

The clouds that rolled up from the west swept down with a violent rain that soaked the crowd and at that time shleter near the cemetery was not to be found and the members of the party were forced to stand the sweep of the rain. The rain was not to be feared as the city of the ladies was very much bedraggled and the veterans well soaked by the rain but undaunted in spirit. In those days the city had no pavements and the main thoroughfare through which the parade was taken up, was a sea of mud that added to the displeasure of the day. However, the weather did not check the enthusiasm of the veterans of the citizens and they carried out their program to the close, being of more spartan stock that the men and women of today to whom walking or marching has grown to be a lost art.

RECORD HARD TO BEAT

Dan Lynn, one of the best known residents of southern Cass county, has a record that is hard to beat as to his age and the years he has lived. Mr. Lynn was born in the state of Ohio on June 6, 1851 and came to the territory of Nebraska, then a vast expanse of comparative unknown land and embracing land as far west as the Rockies and north to Canada in March of the year 1859. Mr. Lynn moved to Cass county and has been a permanent resident of this county since that time. Mr. Lynn still lives in Union, which town occupies the site of the Lynn homestead of the early days.

This splendid record is being celebrated his anniversary on June 6th at Kamp Kill Kare down on the lower Weeping Water. This is a record of residence that very few can equal and if they can Mr. Lynn would like to hear from them. Eighty years of age, seventy-two and a quarter years in Nebraska, seventy-one and three quarter years in good old Cass county.

Mr. Lynn is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Cass county and his friends are legion over all this section of the county who are as well known. The Journal will take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Lynn many more happy birthdays and that he may live long to enjoy life at Kamp Kill Kare.

IMPROVING RESIDENCE

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Don Selvers on west Oak street is being converted into a modern bungalow and one that will be a real credit to that section of the city. The roof of the house has been raised and the rooms of the home rearranged to make for the greater comfort of the family. A full cellar is being constructed beneath the house and which will add greatly to the advantages of the home.

RETURNS FROM OUTING

Dr. E. J. Gillespie, who for the past ten days has been at Randolph, Nebraska, visiting with his mother and sisters at that place, returned home Friday. Dr. Gillespie has had a very pleasant time in meeting the friends and acquaintances in the northern Nebraska city and feels much refreshed by the rest from the strenuousness of the medical practice.

VISITS AT UNION

From Saturday's Daily—
Judge C. L. Graves departed this morning for Union where he will attend the Memorial services at that place and where his family lot is located. H. E. Graves, son of Judge Graves, and wife came down last evening and accompanied the Judge to Union, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Royal and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dierig, of Lincoln, the ladies being daughters of Judge Graves.

AMERICAN FLYER READY FOR TOKIO-TACOMA KOP

Tokio, May 27.—Thomas Ash Jr., American aviator, who plans to hop off Saturday on a nonstop flight to Tacoma, Wash., tried out Wednesday a two-wheeled dolly which he said will enable his monoplane to take off with a 6,786-pound supply of gasoline and oil. Ash said the contrivance worked successfully.

Few Veterans of Civil War Now Living

Where Once Hundreds of the Boys in Blue Resided Here Now Number But a Handful.

From Saturday's Daily—
Decoration day each year brings with it the sadness that the once Grand Army of the Republic has practically vanished from the scene and here in Plattsmouth where at one time there were hundreds of the boys in blue, but a handful of the old veterans are present today.

The Plattsmouth post of the G. A. R. at one time was larger than the present Legion post of World War veterans and each memorial day they staged very extensive ceremonies and exercises in commemoration of the day set aside to particularly honor their fallen comrades.

So few are there now living, so many that have answered the last roll call, that the roll at the memorial day services is of those who are living rather than the many that lie in the little green tents in the cemetery in this section of Cass county.

Of the veterans who are living there remain Col. M. A. Bates, commander of the local post of the G. A. R., W. H. Venner, John Fight, A. Shellenbarger, embrace all of those who reside in this city, although a few more are to be found in the county.

The duties and responsibilities of the memorial day services that were once the sacred charge of the old veterans have largely passed to the hands of the Spanish-American and World War veterans with the W. R. C. and other auxiliary women's organizations who have responded splendidly to the task and are carrying on no what the veterans of the great civil war, both north and south are fast leaving us.

As long as the spirit of American liberty shall live, as long as the nation for which they sacrificed shall carry on, the memory of these grand old veterans will be honored, even when the last has passed to the final rest. Memorial day was created by the veterans of the north and the south and will always be particularly their day of remembrance and honor by a grateful nation.

BOSSY GILLIS NOT OBEYED

Newburyport, Mass.—Efforts of Mayor Andrew J. "Bossy" Gillis to enforce a school holiday, so that children might attend a circus, met with only partial success. Despite the mayor's order declaring the day a school holiday, most of the pupils obeyed the school authorities and reported for classes as usual. The mayor rescinded an order to police instructing them to admit only janitors to school buildings, when he learned the school authorities threatened legal prosecution if the order was executed. However, the no-school whistle was sounded at both morning and afternoon session. At the high school about forty of the 526 students were absent and Superintendent of Schools Starr M. King said about the same percentage was reported from all other schools.

GRADUATES AT SEATTLE

From Friday's Daily—
Friends of the family here have received the announcements of the graduation of Miss Jane Dunbar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Dunbar, which occurs this coming week at Seattle, Washington. The family on leaving this city located at Los Angeles for a number of years but of late have been at Seattle and where Miss Jane completed her school work.

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