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Bellevue Fishermen Stage Duel

Quarrel Among Former Fishing Associates Leads to Two Men Being Wounded as Result.

Two Missouri river fishermen Sunday afternoon were wounded in a shotgun duel resulting from an argument over ownership of a boat.

The two men, who exchanged shots on the river bank 2 1/2 miles south of Bellevue, are Karl Sporven, a tent dweller on the river bank, and Sebastiano Amenta, 1605 Elm St., Omaha, a former partner.

The two men were questioned by Omaha and Sarpy county authorities at Central police headquarters at Omaha, later being released. County Attorney Ralph J. Nickerson of Sarpy county said the case would come under jurisdiction of Glenwood (Ia.) authorities.

5 Pellets in Body.
Sporven, with five shotgun pellets in his body, one of which may have fractured a neckbone, was given first aid by army doctors at Fort Crook. He was later taken to South Side police headquarters where further medical attention was given.

Amenta's chin was grazed by one pellet and another entered his right leg.

After both men emptied their shotguns, Amenta fled from the scene, but later walked into Central police headquarters.

Quarreled Over Boat.
Sporven and Amenta explained they disagreed about the boat after an attempt to reunite their partnership had failed.

Frank Sykora, 23d and Y. Sts., and his brother Cary, 2220 Z St., Omaha, who witnessed the shooting, took Sporven to the South Side station. They live in a tent near the shooting scene.

CALLED ON SAD MISSION

From Monday's Daily
Attorney A. L. Tidd departed this noon for Wakefield, Ohio, in response to a message announcing the death of his elder brother, Grant Tidd, 74, at Rochester, New York, on Friday evening, the funeral to be held at the old home at Wakefield.

Mr. Tidd was vice-president of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad in whose service he had been engaged over a period of forty years and had occupied many positions until several years ago when he was advanced to one of the chief executive offices.

The deceased was never married and is survived by three brothers and one sister, John Tidd of Wakefield, Ohio; Mrs. Jennie House, of Beaver, Ohio; A. L. Tidd of this city and George W. Tidd of Salem, Georgia.

Mr. Tidd expects to remain in Ohio until April 6th for a short visit with the relatives and old time friends in that community.

OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

Saturday marked the first anniversary of Judge D. W. Livingston, the presiding judge of the second judicial district, he having been appointed to that office by Governor Charles W. Bryan on March 23, 1934.

Judge Livingston was in the city and spent the afternoon holding court here, a number of men pleading guilty to forgery being brought before him for sentence for their offenses.

In his first year in office Judge Livingston has had a large number of important cases to pass upon and his long practice has given him a splendid legal knowledge that is reflected in his fine work on the bench of his district of Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Curtis of Lincoln, and Mrs. Earl Kirkpatrick and son, John of Los Angeles, California, were here Sunday as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Bates and family. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is a niece of Mrs. Cassie Smith, mother of Mr. Bates and the visit was one that was much enjoyed by all of the members of the party. The Kirkpatricks are guests of the Curtis family, relatives of Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

VISIT WITH FRIENDS HERE

Sunday Mrs. W. P. Matthews, 3223 Cass street, Omaha, a former resident of this city, was here to spend a few hours with Mrs. R. A. Bates. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Pruch, friends and neighbors. Mrs. Matthews is the widow of the late William P. Matthews, who was for a number of years engaged as linotype operator at the Journal and who passed away last summer at Omaha.

Returns to Old Homestead to Farm

W. H. Meisinger to Farm This Year on Place His Father, Henry J. Meisinger First Settled.

More than half a century ago Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Meisinger, splendid citizens who had come here from Pekin, Illinois, settled on a farm in the vicinity of Cedar Creek and where they lived for the years of their lifetime and numbered among the finest citizens of the community.

On the death of the parents the farm has come to the son, Allie Meisinger, who made his home there until moving to this city to conduct an oil business, since that time the farm has been operated by William H. Wiles. This spring, however, Mr. Wiles decided to move to a farm near Weeping Water, owned by S. Ray Smith and where he is now settled.

The Meisinger home place this year is to be occupied by another son of the family, William H. Meisinger, who is now moving to the farm where he was born on March 4, 1887. The move is one that brings back to the old place one whose earlier days carries tender memories of the old home where he was reared and the love and care that the parents bestowed on him in the years that he remained there until he took his place in the world and established his own home.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE

From Tuesday's Daily
The announcement was made today by the happy young people of the marriage of Miss Mary Persinger and Mr. Charles Nelson of this city. The marriage was very quietly performed at the home of County Judge A. H. Duxbury on Friday evening, March 22nd, being kept a secret by the bridal couple until today when the formal announcement was made.

The marriage lines that joined the lives and hearts of the young people were read by Judge Duxbury and witnessed by Miss Helen Persinger, sister of the bride and Mrs. Duxbury.

The bride has grown to womanhood in this city and is a daughter of Mrs. Stella Persinger, receiving her education in the schools of the city. The bride has, since completing her school work, been engaged as secretary of Robert M. Walling of the Thomas Walling Abstract Co., being a most efficient worker. She has been very active in the work of the local Methodist church and a leader in the Queen Esther society. A lady of pleasant personality, she has a large circle of friends who will join in their best wishes to the happy bride and groom.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nelson of this city and has spent the greater part of his lifetime here, receiving his education in the local schools. He is a young man of splendid character and held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure of knowing him. He has been active in the athletic circles of the city and is at the present time an employe of the Norfolk Packing company at their local plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will make their home at the Coronado apartments where they will be at home to their friends in the future.

The many friends will join in their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson for many years of happiness and success in the future.

RELEASED ON BOND

District Judge D. W. Livingston Monday afternoon issued an order releasing Frank Harmer, who has been held here on charge of violating his parole from a former conviction. The court set the bond in the sum of \$800.

Returns from Pleasant Trip to Southland

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Walling Have Splendid Outing in the Beauties of the Southern States.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Walling of this city and Adrian June, of Sheridan, Wyoming, returned home early Sunday morning from a motor trip through the south and which afforded them the opportunity of seeing a great many of the states of the deep south.

Mrs. Walling has been at Auburn, Alabama, for the past several weeks, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Johns, the latter formerly Miss Gladys Linton, a school friend of Mrs. Walling and Mr. Walling joined the party at Auburn for the trip through the south.

In going south Mr. Walling and Mr. June took the attractive route through the Ozark mountains of Missouri and Arkansas, beautiful green clad mountains, picturesque streams and the pleasant smiling valleys of that section of the country. They crossed the Mississippi at Memphis and on the trip through Arkansas and Tennessee, found evidences of the high water that had swept over that part of the south.

The party also visited at several interesting cities on their way to the coast and at Auburn had the pleasure of witnessing workouts of the football team in the spring training and also drove to the University of Alabama where the "Crimson Tide" was being whipped through the pre-season practice.

On their journey the members of the party visited many of the historic spots, one of the most interesting being that of the old French quarter at New Orleans, the state capitol at Montgomery, Alabama, the first capitol of the Southern Confederacy, the interesting old city of Mobile as well as Pensacola, one of the chief ports of the gulf coast.

The trip took the party through the states of Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

While in Georgia they visited at Warm Springs, the home of the foundation for infantile paralysis, established by President Roosevelt and found it a wonderful place and many additions made possible by the donations of the people of the nation.

Perfect weather conditions prevailed, no dust storms in that locality and in the 3,300 miles Mr. Walling states the only unpaved road was the eight miles of gravel from this city to Glenwood.

COURT HAS BUSY DAY

Saturday D. W. Livingston of the district court was busy in hearing a number of cases of forgery which was presented for his consideration and the defendants in the case brought forward to plead.

Ivan Pymal was present and made a plea of guilty and was sentenced to four years on the first count and four years on the second count of the complaint, the sentences to run concurrently.

Murl Scott was arraigned and pleaded not guilty to the charge and bond was fixed at \$2,500.

Clarence E. Hauck was arraigned and plead guilty to count one and net guilty to count two of the information. Sentence was deferred in the case.

IOWAN FOUND DEAD

Glenwood was the scene of much excitement Monday afternoon when the dead body of Charles W. Stoe, 67, plumber, was found hung by a neighbor, Silas Morford. The man had evidently committed suicide and the body was found in the basement of the home. He has been in the plumbing business at Glenwood for the past thirty-seven years. He is survived by the wife who has been blind over a period of years.

Mrs. Ray Perkins, of Omaha, formerly Miss Elsie Nelson of this city, is here to spend a short time visiting as a guest of Miss Ruth Patton and a number of the old time friends.

RETURNS FROM CHICAGO

Fred Lugsch, well known tailor and dry cleaner, returned Monday evening from Chicago where he was called to look after some business affairs for a short time. He also stopped for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holcomb, former Plattsmouth residents, at Kankakee, Illinois, where Mr. Holcomb is in charge of a large water plant. He reports the Holcomb family as doing nicely and having the greatest of success in their new home.

City Teachers Re-Elected for Coming Year

Board Approves Present Members of Faculty—Veteran Fred Rother to Head Athletics.

The board of education at their last meeting re-elected all of the members of the present teaching force of the city schools, which will comprise the following:

Superintendent—Lowell S. Devoe.
Principal of high school—R. Foster Patterson.
High school—Wayne Alvord.
Estelle Baird—Language and English.

Florence Beighley—Mathematics.
Pearle Staats—Normal Training and English.

Hoyt T. Griffin—Music Supervisor.
J. R. Reeder—Science.
Fred A. Rother—Junior and Senior High, Athletics, Physical Education, Civics, Spelling and Arithmetic.

L. L. Starrett—Commercial.
Selma Diehm—Central building, grade 3.
Dorothy Downey—Columbian, grade 1.

Helen Farley—Central, grade 2.
Lillian Garrett—Junior and Senior High, Music, History, Art.

Amama Hint—Central, grade 6.
Marie Hornung—Junior and Senior High, Home Economics, Physics, History.

Margaret Iverson—Columbian, grades 2 and 3.
Alice James—Columbian, grades 2 and 3.

Yvonne King—First Ward, grades 1, 2 and 3.
Evelyn Lee—Central, grade 5.
Amelia Martens—Central, principal, and grade 1.

Evelyn May—Central, grade 4.
Agnes Muenster—Central, grade 6.
Marie Nolting—Mercerville, grade 2 and Kdgt.

Helene Perry—Junior and Senior High, English and Reading.
Rose Prohaska—Central, grade 5.
Ruth Tidball—Central and Columbian Bldgs. Kdgt.

Miriam Tritsch—Wintersteen, principal and grades 3 and 4.
Clara Weyrich—Junior and Senior High, Mathematics and Commercial.

Jesse Wheeler—Junior and Senior High, History and Geography.
Berneice Wieland—Wintersteen, grades Kdgt., 1 and 2.

CIRCLE I ENTERTAINS

From Wednesday's Daily
Circle I of the Presbyterian Federation held a very nice social meeting at the home of Mrs. Roy Knorr, yesterday afternoon. It was the last gathering of this circle, in this church year. The personnel of all the circles will change in April.

Various games and contests furnished entertainment for the guests. Much interest centered around the opening of the "saving banks." The amount of money they brought in was both surprising and gratifying to all. The circle comes to the end of the year, with the satisfaction of having surpassed their apportionment.

The hostesses for the afternoon were those members whose birthdays fall either in the months of February or March, they being Mrs. Roy Knorr, Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Mrs. H. G. McClusky, Mrs. Geo. Hetrick, Mrs. Oscar Gopen and Mrs. L. G. Larson.

Delicious refreshments brought the final pleasure of the afternoon.

VISITS IN CITY

From Monday's Daily
W. A. Schutz, one of the residents of near Fort Crook, was in the city today for a few hours to visit friends and look after some business matters.

Mr. Schutz is a well known farmer of that section of Sarpy county and was for a number of years engaged in farming in the west part of Cass county. While here Mr. Schutz called at the Journal office and renewed his subscription to the semi-weekly edition of the paper.

Past Masters Banquet Held by the Masons

Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, Honors Leonard A. Born, 38th Past Master Last Evening.

From Tuesday's Daily
In the local Masonic circles Past Masters night is an annual occasion that is looked forward to with interest and pleasure, which was fully realized last night at the banquet held at the Masonic building.

The committee in charge of the banquet had arranged a very clever program for the occasion, the banquet being titled "A Code Party," from which the menu and various features were enlarged upon.

The banquet was honoring Leonard A. Born, thirty-eighth past master of Plattsmouth lodge, who is now retiring from service after a year of splendid success with the lodge and several years of service in the various offices that he has filled.

The menu was one that baffled the members of the party until a delicious repast served by the committee had been offered and which placed all in the most pleasant of spirits for the fine time arranged. The menu was as follows:

G H - - E P
P-dt - - Am S
M G - - B S
G H - Sr
H D B - - A I P
P I E - - G W or D F
XXXX - El Ropo

The banquet was presided over by Harrison L. Gayer, one of the active leaders of the various branches of Masonry, who very cleverly presented the various talks and stunts that were a part of the entertainment.

Canon W. J. H. Pether, rector of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, gave the invocation of the evening. H F L R, proved to be two very delightful numbers by the Masonic quartet of Frank A. Cloldt, R. W. Knorr, H. G. McClusky and Raymond C. Cook, whose sweet melodies were assisted by the accompaniment of E. H. Wescott.

N R A on the program disclosed Superintendent L. S. Devoe in his clever act that has so often entertained the members.

Mr. Devoe as well as George Hetrick were presented with a suitable award for their services, being a very fitting decoration as were A. H. Duxbury and Henry Nolting.

P W A was responded to most fittingly by H. F. Nolting, past master and one of the active leaders in the Masonry of Plattsmouth.

W. F. Evers, past master and superintendent of the Nebraska Masonic Home, was called upon to respond to the toast, H C O L.

Don C. York, one of the well known vocalists of the city was heard in a very delightful bass solo to add to the charm of the evening program. Mr. Wescott being the accompanist.

W. A. Robertson, grand junior warden of the grand lodge of the A. F. & A. M. made the presentation to R. Foster Patterson of material for future speeches, being composed of two attractively arranged copies of bills now pending in the legislature.

Luke L. Wiles, past master of the lodge, presented to the retiring master, Leonard A. Born, a past master's jewel as an appreciation of his faithful and splendid service to the lodge in the past.

Judge A. H. Duxbury was called upon for the toast P S L and cleverly responded to the toast.

There were a number of members of the Sojourners club of Omaha present, these being army and navy officers who were temporarily in that city. Lieutenant Commander Hunt, U. S. N., president of the Sojourners and Col. Hall, U. S. A., gave a very pleasing sketch as their contribution to the program of the evening.

Major Sweeney, commander of the R. O. T. C. of Creighton university, was among the visiting guests and made a short talk on the work of the order.

C. A. Rawls, one of the loved figures in local Masonry, gave the toast T C M in his impressive manner that held the closest attention of the members.

Frank A. Cloldt, treasurer of the lodge and one of the best known vocalists of the city gave one of his al-

ways enjoyed vocal numbers.

Past Grand Prelate Luther M. Kuhns of the Knights Templar, John T. Dysart, Omaha grand commander, C. O. Dawson, Blair, grand generalissimo of the order and Lute M. Savage, were present and gave short responses.

The benediction was offered by Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city. There were guests present from Omaha, Nebraska City, Nehawka, Dunbar, Union, Weeping Water and Shenandoah, Iowa, to enjoy the banquet.

Mynard Play Scores Success Opening Night

"Mirage," Written and Directed by Ray Cook, Presented by a Talented Cast.

From Wednesday's Daily
Last evening the Mynard community building was filled with an enthusiastic audience to witness the first performance of the home talent western musical comedy, "Mirage."

This play was written and directed by Raymond C. Cook, well known and popular musician, who from his initial work should have many other attractive offerings to present to the amusement lovers of the community.

The play was cast in the Texas range country and very appropriately staged and arranged and in the hand of the capable cast proved a never failing source of fun and charming musical numbers.

The main characters of the play were carried by Katherine Wiles, Richard Spangler, Lucille Wiles, Mary Beverage, Lawrence Leonard, Jean Spangler, Margaret Hinz, Ray Bourne, Homer Spangler, Townner Livingston, Edward Wehrbein, Chester Wiles, Richard Livingston and Arthur Hill, all of whom gave fine renditions of the various characters.

The "Happy Go Lucky Rangers," Charles Howard, Noble Kiser, Edward Howard, Robert S. Dreamer and Jack Volary contributed much to the pleasure and delight of the audience.

The musical numbers were selected from the best of the present day selections and the fine voices of the talented young people found full expression in their rendition.

The Mynard orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. R. O. Cole, pianist, was one of the chief factors in the success of the musical comedy with their splendid accompaniment. The personnel of the orchestra was in addition to Mrs. Cole, S. W. Cole, trombone; Willis Cole, violin; Oglia Wiles, flute; Robert Wolfe, clarinet; Jennie Cole, cello; R. O. Cole, cornet; Richard Cole, trumpet; R. S. Dreamer, banjo.

The Morris Brothers, Olin and Bernard, were heard in several banjo specialties that added in the enjoyment of the audience.

SECURE CONTRACT

The firm of C. A. Eager and Sons of Louisville, were awarded the contract Monday for the regrading of highway No. 50 from the Louisville bridge south to the town of Otoe. This will amount to some 1,450 yards of gravel and will put the highway in fine shape for travel for the ensuing summer. Mr. Eager has as associates in his business his sons, Glen and Herbert, well known to the residents of this city. It is very pleasing to know that this Cass county firm will have this piece of the state highway work to look after.

VISITORS IN CITY

From Wednesday's Daily
Joe Rudolph, village clerk of Eagle, was in the city today and while here was looking after the matter of the enlistment of some of the young men from his community in the CCC forces that will shortly be recruited.

F. J. Knecht, the merchant of South Bend, was in the city today to visit with friends and looking after some business matters of importance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Schneider spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burdic at David City, and enjoyed a visit with their granddaughter, Mary Catherine Burdic.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Knorr and children, were at Ashland Sunday where they enjoyed the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Panzer and family.

Ernest Verheul is Identified as a Bank Robber

Former Plattsmouth Man Named as One of Trio in Hutchinson, South Dakota Bank Robbery.

Ernest Verheul, 31, alias Ernest Van Camp, former Plattsmouth resident, is now being held at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he was identified Tuesday as one of the trio that held up the First National bank at Hutchinson, South Dakota.

Believing Verheul to be an associate of Tom Limerick and Morris Denning in the Kinney, Neb., ghost gang, officers under direction of State Agent Paul Gruber of Iowa have kept him under surveillance for the past eight weeks. Despairing of locating other members of the gang through him, Council Bluffs Detectives Walter Brown and James Durick arrested him Saturday night as he was walking along the North Western tracks near Twelfth street and 14th avenue.

Complaint Prepared. He has been held in jail secretly since.

Identification of Verheul as one of the South Dakota bandits was made by Jess E. Boyd, assistant cashier of the robbed bank, who exchanged shots with the desperados.

A federal complaint is being prepared against Verheul in Sioux Falls, S. D., today.

Representatives of a Smith Center, Kans., bank which was robbed recently are expected to arrive in Council Bluffs this afternoon to view the prisoner.

Verheul has been living at 1314 Seventh avenue in the Bluffs. He told police his wife was Helen Limerick, sister of Tom Limerick. Police first became suspicious of the pair when they were found picking cars in a Broadway garage.

Verheul was arrested here some four years ago charged with breaking and entering the Earl Lancaster store at Murray, his companion being captured in the store while Verheul made his escape and was for several days under cover at the family home in this city until statements by his companion gave a clue to his identity and he was later arrested by Sheriff Bert Reed. He pleaded guilty here and was sentenced to seven years in the state penitentiary and was released last October from the prison. At the time of his conviction here it was claimed that he had served two previous sentences in other prisons.

He had applied for FERA aid a week ago, Council Bluffs officers state.

BARN IS DESTROYED

The large barn on the C. H. Boedeker farm, five miles west of Murray, was destroyed by fire on Monday night, the structure being burned to the ground and entailing a heavy loss to Victor Wehrbein, who has been operating the farm for the past several years. Mr. Wehrbein fortunately had decided to let the horses and one mule that had been sheltered in the barn in the cold weather, run out in the barnyard and this fact was all that saved the animals from being caught in the fire that destroyed the hay and equipment in the barn.

When the fire was first discovered it had gained such headway that it was impossible to check its spread and soon the structure was in ruins.

TO LOCATE IN CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lapidus, who have been making their home in Omaha over a long period of years, are to become residents of Plattsmouth in the very near future. Mr. Lapidus some months ago purchased the Hotel Plattsmouth and has been in active control of the plant since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Lapidus have secured the Charles C. Parmela residence on North 6th street, one of the most attractive in the city and where they expect to reside as soon as possible to move from their Omaha home.

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