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LOOMIS SUCCEEDS BALDWIN

Kansas Man Becomes General Solicitor of the Union Pacific.

TAKES THE OFFICE AT ONCE

Entered Service of the Company Quarter of a Century Ago and Remained in it Continuously.

Henry Nelson Loomis of Topeka, Kan., succeeds the late John N. Baldwin as general solicitor of the Union Pacific Railroad company at once. The appointment was made by General Counsel Lovett in New York. Mr. Loomis will move his residence to Omaha and take his office in the general headquarters at Ninth and Farnam streets.

Mr. Loomis has been in the service of the Union Pacific since 1884 continuously and he is now promoted from the position of general counsel for Kansas and Missouri. He is a member of the law firm of Loomis, Blair & Scrandrett and will, it is believed, be succeeded by R. W. Blair, his law partner at Topeka, though this is not confirmed.

The new general solicitor was a close personal and business friend of his late predecessor, Mr. Baldwin. They were associated in many important cases involving the interests of the railroad they both served so long. His appointment caused little surprise, as he was by tenure of office and character of service in line of succession.

Studied Law Under John P. Usher.

Mr. Loomis was born at Highgate, Vt., in June, 1862. He came west when young and entered the law office of Judge John P. Usher at Lawrence, Kan. Judge Usher, who had served as secretary of the interior in the cabinets of Lincoln and Johnson as a resident of Indiana, had moved to Kansas and became one of its most distinguished citizens. His influence in politics and business aided young Loomis materially in getting started. Loomis entered the employ of the Union Pacific in 1884 and worked from one official stage to another until in 1902 he was appointed general counsel for Kansas and Missouri. In this position he was charged with great responsibilities, looking after the legal and political interests of his company in both states, a task in these later years of legislative reform most formidable in its proportions.

Just one year ago April 26, 1907, almost to the day, the Topeka papers stated that Mr. Loomis had been offered the position of interstate commerce attorney for the Harriman lines, but that he declined the offer. He was a candidate for federal judge seven years ago, when Judge Hook, the judge who recently handed down the court of appeals decision in the Omaha Water company case, was appointed. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis have two sons in the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

TANGIER TO GO NORTHWARD

Shriners Are Invited to Attend Imperial Council at St. Paul in May.

The sheiks, dervishes, mahouts, mamalukes and other devotees of Tangier Temple of the Ancient and Accepted Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine expect to attend a meeting of the imperial council of the order in St. Paul in May, in full state. A special meeting of the Shrine was held Friday evening and the sum of something less than 2,000 backsheesh was appropriated to defray a portion of the expenses. Tangier's Arab Patrol will be given full leeway to make their descent on the Minnesotan oasis as impressive as possible. A special train will accompany the caravan with Abdallah George West in charge, with ample supplies to care for such of the pilgrims as may become sand blind in the trip across the desert. The Patrol is to be supplied with appropriate penitential raiment that they may kiss the Abbas stone with due reverence. About every Shriner in Omaha and then some promised to accompany the caravan to see that Tangier temple is properly recognized at St. Paul.

PUCK SOAP MADE IN OMAHA

Des Moines Concern Will Move to This City After the First of May.

Commissioner Guild said Saturday he was able to confirm the report published in The Bee two weeks ago that the Puck Soap company of Des Moines was contemplating moving its plant to Omaha. The manufacture of soap by that company in Des Moines will be discontinued May 1 and the company will then move immediately to Omaha. Arrangements for the plant are practically complete and the offices will be at 1911 Howard street, where E. W. Arthur the local representative of the company now has his office. The company will continue the name of the Puck Soap company as the name is well known, and because the company already has agents in most all large cities of this country.

KIND-HEARTED MAN LOSES OUT

Fine Scheme Put Up by Prisoners Works One Way, but Fails the Other.

Henry O'Connor has been sentenced to ten days in jail because he has a kind heart, because he unselfishly sought to help a fellowman, because to a friend in need he proved a friend indeed. This may seem paradoxical, but it is true. And though it is the truth, it affords no argument for those reformers who declare the present court and judicial system is wrong. It happened this way:

Last Monday Henry was sentenced to five days in jail. At the same session of police court one Pat O'Connor was sentenced to thirty days in jail.

Now, the O'Connors back in Ireland were a clan ever noted for the mutual help they gave each other in trouble. And the two descendants of the clan above mentioned had no sooner been sentenced than they put their heads together to see in what manner they might help each other and foil the courts and jailers, their mutual foes. They did this by the simple expedient of swapping names and personalities. Henry became Pat and Pat became Henry. And when the time of Henry was up Pat went forth a free man. The real Henry lay low until Pat had time to make his "get away" and then he arose in righteous wrath and demanded to know why he was being detained in jail beyond the five days to which he had been sentenced. They said he had been sentenced to thirty days. But he pointed out that his name was Henry O'Connor and not Pat O'Connor and that he had served his time. And he demanded his rights.

So they turned the astute Henry loose, but before he had gone a block an officer who followed from the jail had him in custody again. He was charged with vagrancy and in police court was sentenced to ten days.

"And all because I'm too kind-hearted, bedad," mourns Henry.

Building Permits.

Alma Jackson, Twenty-third avenue and Gold street, frame dwelling, $2,500; John A. Ryan, 4615 Chicago street, frame cottage, $1,200.

IOWA LOSES AT EAST OMAHA

Claim to Land Knocked Out by Judge McPherson's Decision.

EFFECT WILL BE FAR-REACHING

Cloud to Title Which Has Retarded Improvements at the Lake is Lifted and the Way is Now Clear.

Judge Smith B. McPherson of Council Bluffs has handed down a decision in the East Omaha land case in the United States circuit court which knocks out the claim of the state of Iowa to title to the land of the East Omaha Land company, about sixty landholders and land claimed by the Creighton and Redick estates.

The effect of this decision will be far-reaching, as far as Omaha is concerned, as the cloud on the title to this land has kept back many improvements in East Omaha. James Wilson of Chicago was in Omaha a short time ago to arrange for the opening of Courtland Beach, but the question of title deterred him. Representatives of the Creighton estate wired him Saturday that a decision had been rendered clearing the title and he probably will return to Omaha and begin work at once to put the beach in order for summer business.

The land occupied by the Omaha Rod and Gun club also has been in controversy and now that a decision has been reached that club can make better improvements and in fact may acquire some land of its own.

How the Warriors Lined Up.

W. D. McHugh represented the Creighton estate, Albert Swartzlander and O. C. Redick the Redick estate, F. H. Gaines the Detroit syndicate, which claimed 120 acres north of the Union Pacific shops, and Crofoot & Scott represented the East Omaha Land company. This company has spent $300,000 in making improvements in East Omaha, but the work came to a standstill some years ago when this suit was started. Now that the matter is settled the company is ready to proceed with improvements.

The contestants were C. B. Hannan, Jacob Simms and George H. Scott and they succeeded in having a law enacted by the Iowa state legislature claiming the title to the land on the ground that it was an island and giving the right to buy to the first who applied. An offer was made of $1 an acre by the people who had the bill passed and then just before the law became effective atemporary injunction was secured which Judge McPherson has now made permanent. The state claimed there was a channel in the river just north of Locust street which made an island. When the clique was knocked out, the state stepped in to claim its right. Another appropriation will have to be made before the case can be carried up.

Besides the large landholders benefited by the decision, are about sixty people living in East Omaha who own their own homes who will derive the benefit of having the cloud removed from their title. Iowa had passed a law ordering all islands in the river to be sold, but it was shown that the East Omaha land was a accretion instead of an island.

What the Court Holds.

Judge McPherson held:

This court finds that there never was an island surrounded by navigable waters. This court holds that there was at most but a mere sandbar, the location of which is uncertain. There never was any water to the south or east of this so-called island, except in times of high water, when occasionally some large logs would be rafted through, or fisherman pass through in skiffs and small boats to shorten their route. And the holding of the court is, that the state has never had any claim to the location in question of any so-called island; and of course if there was no island, there could be no accretions to the north that would pass to the state. And this court further holds that any proprietory right the state ever held, if it had such right, has been lost, by acquiescence for a quarter of a century, and it would be a great wrong to take these lands from plaintiffs, most of whom bought and paid for them, and take them against their will and without compensation.

The equities of the cases are with plaintiffs, and they will be given a decree.

JAMES ALLEN OUT OF DANGER

Golfer Undergoes Five Operations and Triumphs in Desperate Fight for Life.

James Allen, the well known golfer and member of the Country club, will be a well man within two days, according to the statement of Dr. F. J. Schleier. Mr. Allen has been in St. Joseph's hospital since February 20 and has fought a desperate fight for his life, with the odds against him most of the time. He underwent five operations, each of them serious, but he hung on to life with a grip that surprised the doctors, and now he is nearly well, is able to sit up daily and is practically out of danger.

MASONS HONOR G. W. LININGER

Blue Lodge Holds Large Meeting to Pay Its Tribute.

PORTRAIT OF PHILANTHROPIST

Fine Oil Painting Presented by F. L. Haller on Behalf of the Family and Cordially Received by the Lodge.

The meeting of George W. Lininger lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (under dispensation), at Masonic temple Friday evening was one of the most notable Blue lodge gatherings ever held in Omaha. The occasion was the first bestowal of the Master's degree by the new lodge, which was organized February 26, and named in honor of Omaha's distinguished connoisseur and philanthropist, the late George W. Lininger. The meeting brought together many of the foremost Masons of the state, including six of the past grand masters, a deputy grand master, senior grand warden, grand secretary and the grand tyler, all of whom participated in the impressive ceremonies.

The meeting was in the nature of a memorial to Mr. Lininger. The work was in charge of Past Grand Master John J. Mercer, who was assisted by a number of the grand officers. A sentiment was injected into the meeting in the fact that the degree was conferred upon W. H. Head, secretary of the Lininger Implement company, who was for many years the close and intimate friend of Mr. Lininger.

The officers of the new lodge are: W. T. Bourke, W. M.; M. A. Hall, S. W.; H. A. Senter, J. W.; Charles H. Grattan, treasurer; L. E. Adams, secretary; M. P. Chumles, S. D.; R. C. Jordan, J. D., and Jacob King, tyler.

Table Lodge in Banquet Room.

Following the conferring of the degree a table lodge was held in the banquet room. After a brief address of welcome by Worshipful Master Bourke, Past Grand Master George H. Thummel was announced as toastmaster of the evening. Responses to sentiments were made by W. A. DeBord, deputy grand master for the grand lodge. Letters of regret were read from all the past grand masters and other grand lodge officers who were unable to be present on account of the dedication of the new Masonic temple at Long Pine, at which they were officiating. Friday evening. Carl E. Herring responded on behalf of lodge No. 25, and A. W. Jefferis, worshipful master of No. 1, responded for that lodge. The other features of the program were a recitation by J. M. Maynard, vocal solos by Mr. Graham and Mr. Landsberg, and a bano solo by Mr. Clark.

Frank L. Haller, president of the Lininger Implement company, on behalf of the family of Mr. Lininger, presented to the lodge a handsome oil portrait of the latter. The receipt of the painting was acknowledged and it will always be esteemed as the most treasured possession of the lodge.

TOO TIRED TO WALK OUT FREE

Prisoner Wants Elevator to Take Him Down After Getting Discharge.

Thomas Murray, a gigantic fellow with the true tired look about him which characterizes the knights of the anti-work society, turned away from the bar of justice after being discharged in police court. Noting his tired look, Court Clerk Mahoney facetiously called to him to take the elevator in the hall to go downstairs.

Murray was evidently too tired to detect the facetious note in the clerk's voice. He shuffled out into the hall. In about five minutes he appeared again within the room, shuffled up to the desk and looked wearily around.

"What do you want?" asked City Prosecutor Daniel.

Murray took a long breath and raised enough energy to answer.

"Where's the elevator?" he asked.

An officer jerked the big fellow to the door and pointed to the steps.

Realizing that there was no elevator, Murray resigned himself to walking down.

STOVE FACTORY FOR OMAHA

Plant Employing Eighty Men is to Move Here from Savannah, Mo.

Another large industry with a capital stock of $50,000 and employing eighty men has been able to see the advantages of location in Omaha and will move its plant to this city in the near future. The Howard Stove company of Savannah, Mo., manufacturers of stoves, has for some years been doing a prosperous business at Savannah because the railroads gave the company the benefit of the Missouri river rates, although Savannah was an inland town. A recent decision by the Interstate Commerce commission has taken this advantage away from Savannah and forced the stove company to seek a new location. After looking over the Missouri river towns the decision was reached to locate at Omaha.