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YOUNG FARMER A SUICIDE

Thought Home Folks His Enemies, So Throws Self into Skunk River.

Oskaloosa, Ia., June 1.—Ralph Crugen, aged thirty-five, a prominent young farmer of Mahaska county, is thought to have drowned in the Skunk river near his home. The man had been suffering from mental depression and escaped from attendants of a private sanitarium in Des Moines, where he was taking treatment.

Crugen appeared at his home and knocked for admittance. When the door was opened he saw several persons in the house. Thinking them enemies, he fled to the river bridge, to which he was tracked through the mud. The tracks showed where he had climbed over the guard rail and stood up on the girders. Careful search and dragging of the stream thus far failed to reveal the body. The actions of a pet dog which followed him to the bridge indicate he threw himself into the water.

SCHOOL TROUBLES IN BLUFFS

Superintendent Beveridge and Board Split Over Selection of Teachers.

Council Bluffs, Ia., May 29.—Serious friction has developed between Superintendent of City Schools Professor J. H. Beveridge, only recently coming from the superintendency of the schools of Missouri Valley to Council Bluffs, and members of the school board over the selection of teachers. Frank J. Capell, member of the teachers' committee, charging that Beveridge has adopted a systematic policy of supplanting teachers living in Council Bluffs by teachers from abroad. Capell claims also that an undue proportion of these new teachers are from Missouri Valley. He says that he will bring the matter to the attention of the school board at its meeting Monday night. He says that but one teacher of twenty appointed during the school year was from this city, and that a large proportion were brought here from Missouri Valley.

BEEF TRUST IN AGAR CASE

Des Moines Packers Allege It Profited by Railroad Discrimination.

Des Moines, May 29.—Testimony tending to show, so the plaintiff claims, that it was the "beef trust" which reaped the reward of the alleged discrimination against the Agar Packing company was introduced in the \$350,000 damage suit in Judge Howe's court. The Swift company for the first time was dragged into the case in the testimony of W. G. Agar, and the attorneys for the plaintiff claim that this bit of evidence will prove that Des Moines was discriminated against in favor of the "beef trust."

NEW MALADY FATAL TO HOGS

Thirty Fall Dead in One Day on Farm of John Wegener of Ringsted.

Mason City, Ia., June 1.—John Wegener's big herd of hogs at Ringsted have been practically annihilated. In one day he lost thirty head and the disease does not resemble and is not thought to be cholera. The hogs have been feeding after cattle. While eating they would drop dead as if shot. He is having an examination made of some of the carcasses in hopes of ascertaining the trouble.

IOWA MAN SHOT TO DEATH

Hold-Up Men Ordered Him From a Train.

Hampton, Minn., June 1.—Joseph R. Rood of Newhall, Ia., was shot to death in the Great Western railroad yards here by two men who attempted to hold him up.

Joseph Rood and his brother, S. B. Rood, were riding on a freight train when the holdup men ordered them from the train. Joseph was slow in complying and the robbers fired.

Bondsman Win Case.

Sioux City, June 1.—After a week's trial in the United States district court, a verdict in favor of the bondsman was returned in the case of Bort vs. McCutcheon. Bort was head banker of the Modern Woodmen of America and deposited the funds of the order in the McCutcheon bank, which failed. McCutcheon died and the suit was against thirty-eight prominent citizens of Ida county, who were on his bond.

Drops Dead in Church.

Hastings, Ia., June 1.—Oscar Pickford, an old settler and a veteran of the civil war, dropped dead in the Methodist church here, just after entering the church with other members of the local Grand Army post to participate in memorial services.

Wanders All Night; Is Dead.

Muscataine, Ia., May 29.—Andrew Crocker, aged eighty-one, who lost his way and wandered all night in a heavy rain, died from exposure. He was found by a searching party lying in a pool six miles from town.

23d Child Born to Dubuque Man.

Dubuque, May 29.—Captain Kimbel, a veteran riverman, aged seventy-five, residing in North Dubuque, became the father of his twenty-third child. His present wife, his fourth, is nineteen years old.

Waterloo Votes Bonds.

Waterloo, Ia., May 29.—At the municipal election here the proposition to bond the city for \$225,000 to purchase a water plant carried by 1,500 majority. More than 1,500 women voted.

Captain Dick Talbot Dead.

Sioux City, June 1.—Captain Dick Talbot, former general manager of the Sioux City, Homer and Southern Railway company, and a veteran riverman, died at Crystal Lake.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Rifled Mail Sacks Found in Attic of South Omaha School.

CLUE IS GIVEN BY TEACHER.

Engineer Mickeljohn and Fireman Prawl Identify Two of the Suspects as Bandits Who Crawled Over Tender of Their Engine and Forced Them to Stop Union Pacific Overland Limited.

Omaha, May 29.—Developments in the running down of the men who last Saturday night held up and robbed the Overland Limited train on the Union Pacific railroad near the Omaha city limits had their climax in the discovery in the attic of Brown Park school in South Omaha of six large and two small registered mail pouches, the contents of which had been rifled.

Mrs. Nora Freeman, one of the teachers, noticed that a ladder used for reaching the attic of the building and which is usually suspended from the ceiling by a rope, had been displaced and the janitors were called. Lanterns were produced and two men crawled into the attic. They were astounded to find eight registered mail sacks, two rain coats, a long top coat and a pair of overalls. The postoffice authorities were notified and made a hurried trip to the school building.

An examination of the contents of the packages showed that every letter and package had been torn open and the contents of value removed.

In each case the letters were stuck back into the envelopes, the robbers, having satisfied themselves with removing money and other valuables. There were several jewelry packages, the contents of which had been taken by the robbers.

There is every indication that the robbers took the mail pouches to the retreat near the school Saturday night and removed them to the school house attic Sunday night. They were secure from detection in the attic, which is dark, and were able to examine the contents of the pouches at their leisure.

Think They Have Right Men.

The postoffice authorities are fully convinced that in the arrest of Woods, Gordon and Torgensen they have secured the right men. The chain of evidence already secured is, in the minds of the police, sufficient to convict the men, and Chief Briggs believes he will be able to secure a confession from one of the trio. The only regret is that the fourth man should have made his escape. There were but two officers to attempt four arrests and their work was made difficult, since the men kept scattered out instead of going in a body to the point where the revolvers and other paraphernalia were hidden.

Search of Torgensen's room on Fifteenth street furnished some valuable information. A photograph of the three men under arrest and another man and woman, taken at a Denver photograph gallery, furnished the first authentic confirmation of where the men came from.

Two Suspects Identified.

Fred Torgensen and W. D. Woods were identified by Engineer Mickeljohn and Fireman Prawl as the men who crawled over the tender of their engine last Saturday night and forced them to stop the Union Pacific Overland Limited.

Engineer Mickeljohn was especially sure of Torgensen, because of several peculiarities in his physical makeup. He also declared he was equally sure about Woods. Several school children also identified all the prisoners as the men who they had seen in the vicinity of the Brown Park school on Monday night.

The police found in the school house attic near the mail pouches a small souvenir mirror, on the reverse side of which was a picture of the Spokane union station. This leads the postoffice people to believe the same men might have held up the Northern Pacific train near that city.

A warrant was issued by the United States court against all three men and they were arraigned before Commissioner Anderson this morning on a charge of robbing the mails. Bonds were fixed at \$25,000 and the hearing set for June 2.

The Union Pacific railroad offered a reward of \$5,000 each for the robbers the night the holdup occurred, and it is a matter of interesting speculation as to how this reward will be divided in the event of the men under arrest being convicted. Three small boys, none of them over eight years, were the first to give the police the clue which led to the arrest of Thursday night. Chief Briggs and two detectives made the capture and will share in the reward.

Three Arrested as Bank Robbers.

Alliance, Neb., May 31.—Three men were arrested suspected of being the men who robbed the Cairo State bank of \$6,300 two weeks ago. They gave the names of "Doc" Hess, E. R. Perkins and Bert Axtell, but denied knowledge of the robbery. None of them had a large amount of money. They have been taken to Grand Island for a hearing.

Funeral of Kennedys.

Beaver City, Neb., May 28.—The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kennedy, who were both terribly burned and died Tuesday, was held today at McCook, where they formerly resided.

SUPPLIED DOPE TO CONVICTS

Trusty Caught Smuggling Morphine into Penitentiary.

Lincoln, May 31.—August Muller, a convict in the state penitentiary, caught by Warden Smith smuggling in morphine, made affidavit that he had received the dope from George Schar-ton, an ex-convict of Lincoln. County Attorney Tyrrell has sworn to a complaint against the last named. Nineteen ounces of morphine were taken from Muller.

Muller was a trusty under the late Warden Beemer and the latter told Warden Smith that he was reliable in every way. For some time Muller had been in charge of the hog barn, in which he slept, enjoying practical freedom.

Warden Smith became suspicious some days ago and searched Muller for dope, but found none. Then the warden set a trap for his man and discovered where he had hid eleven ounces of the poison in the barn. Muller was then thrown in the dungeon, with the statement that he would remain there until he told at what drug store he got the dope. For several days the man refused to divulge the information, but finally he made his affidavit, implicating Schar-ton.

According to the information received by the warden, Muller would sneak out of the barn at night and meet the ex-convict on the railroad track and pay him for the poison at the rate of 35 cents an ounce. He would then bring it to the prison and retail it to the others occasionally.

Frank L. Dinsmore, who is steward of the hospital, was said to have bought five ounces from him at the rate of \$1 an ounce. In turn Dinsmore retailed the dope at the rate of from \$3 to \$5 an ounce.

TAYLOR TRIAL NEAR END

Defense Introduces Depositions Tending to Lighten Onus of Crime.

Minden, Neb., May 31.—The Bert M. Taylor trial is slowly dragging to a close.

The depositions of Drs. S. J. Jones and J. A. Martin, temporarily in Austria, who attended Pearl Taylor in her last sickness, were read. Dr. Martin deposed that from an examination of Pearl Taylor he was inclined to believe that no criminal assault had been committed. Dr. Jones also deposed that he had found no injuries indicating that crime. The testimony of the physicians was somewhat adverse to the theory of the state.

Evidence was introduced by the defense tending to show that Taylor was under the influence of liquor the night before. The prosecution introduced testimony before closing the case tending to show that Taylor had expressed himself to the effect that he would have his revenge against Douglas Taylor, his father-in-law, for not permitting him to marry Eliza, another of the girls. Douglas Taylor testified that he never knew that Bert Taylor had desired any of his other girls as a wife.

SENSATION AT AGENCY

Chief Clerk Benjamin, Who Was Discharged, Asks Investigation.

Pender, Neb., May 31.—Chief Clerk Benjamin for J. M. Comons, superintendent at the Omaha agency, has been discharged. It is claimed that Mr. Benjamin, in safeguarding the list of names of Indians who are applying for patents, was recently held up at the point of a gun by some land-seekers, who forcibly entered the office and then his bedroom, demanding the list of names. Benjamin's friends claim it was upon certain misrepresentations by the land "grabbers" that he was discharged, and he has demanded an investigation.

MRS. MAY ION ARRESTED

Family Mixup of Silver Creek Couple Straightened Out by Denver Police.

Denver, May 31.—Mrs. May Ion of Silver Creek, Neb., was arrested by a federal officer on the charge of using the mails to defraud. Her husband came here from Silver Creek, Neb., and said she had written him falsehoods to get money from him. She said they had quarreled over another woman and she had left him. The inspector released her with a warning about misusing the mails.

Secretaries Pick Three.

Lincoln, May 28.—The state board of secretaries of the state board of health recommended for state health inspector the following physicians: W. H. Wilson, present health inspector; F. B. Richter and S. C. Grimes, all of Lincoln. The governor may select the health inspector from those recommended or he may ask the board to make further endorsements.

Lincoln Man Held as Smuggler.

Chicago, May 31.—W. H. Clark, a railroad brakeman residing at Lincoln, Neb., is under arrest here as one of the alleged leaders in a band of smugglers who have been bringing Chinese surreptitiously into the United States from Mexico.

Cyclone Near Lexington.

Lexington, Neb., May 31.—Reports reached this city that a cyclone had done considerable damage to the country about twelve miles southwest of here. No loss of life has been reported.

Upholds Capital Punishment.

Springfield, Ill., May 31.—The bill abolishing capital punishment in Illinois was defeated in the senate.

ZEPPELIN BREAKS RECORDS

Covers Four Hundred and Fifty-Five Miles Without Landing.

Berlin, May 31.—Count Zeppelin, whose remarkable performances in his first airship brought unbounded honors to the inventor, has accomplished the most striking feat in his career. He guided his Zeppelin II from Friedrichshafen to Bitterfeld, a distance of more than 455 miles, without landing. The journey lasted nearly twenty-two hours and so far as known Count Zeppelin is still in the air on the return journey to Friedrichshafen. He has already beaten all records for dirigible balloons, with the opportunity of greatly improving the performance.

Count Zeppelin, who personally was in charge of the airship and whose hand was on the tiller during the greater part of the journey, had not allowed a word to be made public relative to his intention to undertake a record trip. He announced he intended to take a favorable opportunity to proceed to Berlin in the Zeppelin II, which was built to replace the one destroyed near Echterdingen.

Early in the morning the people of Treuchtlingen, a small city in central Bavaria, were awakened by the noise of the propellers of the craft which was passing slowly. At this place the count dropped out a card divulging his intention to proceed farther north. This was the first occasion he had journeyed over Bavaria and his arrival an hour and a half later at Nuremberg caused the greatest surprise to thousands of pleasure seekers, who were preparing for a holiday excursion. The ship maneuvered over the city and then a card was thrown out, stating that a greater amount of water and benzine had been used than was expected and that the craft would descend to the surface of Lake Dutzenteich to replenish the water supply.

This, however, was not carried out. Count Zeppelin continued his cruise onward without interruption in a direct line towards Berlin, passing over several towns at a low altitude, amid the cheers of the populace. When he reached the frontiers of Saxony the airship was headed straight for Leipzig. Telegrams received there indicated that the Count would make a landing, and the entire population waited for several hours in the streets and open spaces to greet him. Instead of landing, the count put his craft through a series of maneuvers for a half hour, coming at times comparatively close to the tops of the buildings. He then went on, crossing Halle to Bitterfeld. No time was wasted there and to everybody's surprise, the airship, describing a great circle, turned again and sailed to the south.

HEINZE DEFIES THE COURT

He Refuses to Produce the Copper Books.

New York, May 29.—The books of the United Copper company were not produced before the federal grand jury despite Judge Lacombe's order for their production. Several of the directors told the court that F. Augustus Heinze had refused to give up the books on the ground that he was under indictment.

Judge Lacombe did not declare the directors in contempt, directing them to open the vaults in Heinze's office before Tuesday next and produce the books if they could possibly locate them anywhere.

Director William J. Curtis stated to Judge Lacombe that a special meeting of the board of directors had been called to select a new president of the United Copper company. Secretary and Treasurer Gifford, it is alleged, has fled to Europe and will be deposed from his position with the company.

PROGRESS ON TARIFF BILL

Senate Begins Week With Discussion of Rate on Lemons.

Washington, May 31.—Progress on the tariff bill is being made steadily between speeches, and while the leaders are unable to predict the end, they feel that the time is gradually approaching, and they now predict that the work will be disposed of in time to permit congress to finally adjourn early in July. The outlook for the present week is for many speeches and for slow progress on the schedules. The probability of night sessions is not so great as it was a week ago.

The work of the week began with a discussion of the rate on lemons, and after the agricultural schedule is disposed of the cotton and woolen schedules will receive attention. Much time will be given to each.

TWO BOYS SHOOT UP CHICAGO

One Man Is Killed and a Policeman Badly Wounded.

Chicago, May 31.—One man was shot and killed and a policeman was badly wounded as the result of the pranks of Emert Holwison, twenty-two years old, and Peter Dumont, nineteen years old. The boys, who were arrested, according to the police, confessed to having driven in a buggy through the streets on a shooting escapade. Policeman Heran, who pursued them, was shot, but not fatally. After they had escaped, another policeman, by mistake, shot and killed Joseph Menard, who was in a buggy and who was mistaken for one of the boys.

Roosevelt Delays Departure.

Nairobi, British East Africa, May 31.—Former President Roosevelt attended church here and in the afternoon visited the Catholic mission. Mr. Roosevelt has delayed his departure for Kiljibo, forty-four miles north of Nairobi, until June 3 because many of the skins of animals shot by his party have not yet been packed.