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TOM RUBIS IS BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

GREEK CHARGE HEAD FOR TRIAL

Appearance Bond Placed at \$3,000, Which Was Furnished—State's Witness Put Under Bonds

Tom Rubis, the Greek charged with a crime against nature, was bound over to the district court at the hearing held before Judge Tash Monday morning. Upon a plea by the attorney for the defense, H. E. Gantz, Judge Tash reduced the amount of the appearance bond from \$3,000 to \$2,000, which was furnished.

Joe Delhaute of Sidney, Neb., witness for the state, is a bright appearing youth of sixteen years. He told a straightforward story to the court of the relations between Rubis and himself. He stood the examination without any apparent signs of either shame or nervousness, although the defendant showed signs of perturbation. Rubis was not called to the stand.

Delhaute was also released on bond. The case will come up for trial at the May 3 term of district court.

The court room was crowded, and those who expected to hear sensational testimony were not disappointed.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ON PREFERRED LIST

MITCHELL, Neb., Feb. 7.—Following telegram just received from the Denver office:

"Denver, Colo., Feb. 6, 1920.—Reclamation, Mitchell, Neb.: Director wires congress passed joint resolution providing that for two years sailors, soldiers or marines who have served army or navy in war with Germany and have been honorably discharged or placed in regular army or naval reserve shall have preferred right of entry under the homestead or desert land laws except as against prior existing valid preference rights on the opening of public or Indian lands or the restoration to entry of public land heretofore withdrawn. This preferred right endures for sixty days before general opening of such lands to the public. Secretary Lane will apply provisions of this resolution to opening of lands already announced on North Platte and Shoshone projects. Give this news with full particulars to the press.

WEYMOUTH. Full particulars covering the application of this act to the provisions of the public order of January 15, 1920, will be announced as soon as possible.

ANDREW WEISS, Project Manager.

GET-TOGETHER SOCIAL AT THE PARISH HOUSE

One hundred guests were present at the home of Dean and Mrs. J. J. Dixon Monday evening, when another of the serious of "get-together" parties was held. The hostesses were Mrs. H. E. Gantz, Mrs. Joseph Dixon and Mrs. C. E. Hershman. The evening was enjoyably spent with dancing and games. Delightful refreshments were served. A program was given, consisting of reading by Miss Madeline Zediker, Mrs. Dunning, Miss Ruth Scott and Miss Dixie McManus, vocal solos by Janet Grass-Grossman and a piano solo by Miss Dorothy Reynolds.

CITY CLERK KENNEDY BACK AT HER DESK

Mrs. Grace Kennedy, city clerk, was back at her desk in the city hall Tuesday morning. She has not fully recovered from her recent illness, but the situation at the city hall was such that she decided to come anyway. During the illness of City Manager Smith and Mrs. Kennedy, E. G. Campbell has been in charge, but Mrs. Campbell became ill yesterday and Mrs. Kennedy decided to take a chance.

Mrs. Henry Watson, mother of Claude Watson, and sister of Mrs. Al Wiker, is expected to come from Galesburg, Ill., Tuesday to visit her son and other relatives in the city.

RETURN OF SOLDIER DEAD LEFT TO DECISION OF KIN

To obtain from relatives of American soldiers buried in France a definite understanding of their wishes regarding the return of the bodies, the war department has mailed 74,770 cards to the next of kin of these men. Thus far 74,770 replies have been received from the relatives. In this number were 43,909 answers from persons who requested the return of the bodies.

The war department repeats its assurance that upon request next of kin the body of a deceased soldier will be returned to the United States, but again calls attention to the fact that the French government has ruled that for the present no bodies may be removed from the zone of the armies.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES ADVANCE MARCH FIRST

Newspapers have not been overlooked in the general advance in prices. The cost of the blank paper that goes into the making of The Herald has doubled in cost since October 1, the day the new owners took charge. Prospects are that the limit has not been reached, and the price will go still higher. The mills have been unable to meet the demands made upon them, and the danger is, not that the price will go higher, but whether there will be a sufficient supply at any price. There is but one way to face the situation—increase the subscription rates.

Subscribers generally realize that there is little or no profit to the newspaper from individual subscriptions. In the aggregate, the circulation furnishes a basis for advertising rates. But no newspaper can afford to print and mail newspapers of the size and quality of those published in Alliance for \$2.00 per year. In the face of advancing costs, subscriptions are almost a liability.

Beginning March 1, there will be two rates in effect: In the city of Alliance, and towns within a radius of 150 miles from Alliance—this city's legitimate trading territory, The Alliance Herald will cost \$2.50 per year. For all subscriptions outside that circle, the rate will be \$3.00 per year. There is no discrimination in this. Newspapers pay postage at zone rates, and the second zone includes 150 miles in all directions from this city. Outside this zone, postage rates are higher, and there is an additional labor involved in mailing to subscribers at such a distance. Again, those living farther away than 150 miles are of no advantage to our advertisers, who must be considered.

Herald subscribers have the privilege, until March 1, of renewing at the \$2.00 rate, but letters post-marked after midnight of that date will be too late. No subscriber may pay more than one year in advance at the old rate. This is the only course that will be fair to all of our subscribers, and yet protect us. We'll do our bit by keeping you reminded, but if you delay too long, don't blame us.

We hope that by the time the year you pay in advance rolls around, print prices will have dropped to the old level, and in that event prices will come down promptly.

There isn't another city in Nebraska, or any other state, where you can purchase newspapers of such high quality for as little money. You know that during the past few months, all of the dailies have advanced. Dailies that you could buy for \$4 three months ago are now selling at \$7. Chicago dailies are selling in Nebraska at \$9. Considering what you get, there is no cheaper buy on the market than The Alliance Herald at the new rates. Save while you can; get your renewal in promptly, and rest assured that we'll at all times do our best to give you all the news that's fit to print while it is still news.

COUNCIL TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY CLUB

The city council will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Community club rooms this evening, the regular council chamber now being occupied by influenza patients. The Community club directors, it is announced, will postpone their regular weekly meeting until Wednesday evening.

The chief business to come up is the discussion of the public health ordinance, which was drawn up by the state department of health, at the request of Mayor Rodgers. The ordinance is framed to enable city health officials to carry out the regulations of the state board.

THREE EX-SOLDIERS LAND IN CITY JAIL

Twice Conducted to Bastille Within Few Hours, But Released by Chief Taylor

Three ex-soldiers had the opportunity of inspecting the city jail twice within the space of a few short hours, Sunday morning. The first time came when they decided to have a game of cards along about midnight, to while away the hours until the Casper train left. They rearranged the benches in the waiting room to suit themselves, and started to play. The colored janitor in charge politely notified them that it was against the rules, but they dismissed the regulations by saying: "Tell with 'em," and continued their game of solo. The man in charge again notified them, and again they paid no attention. After three unsuccessful attempts, Night Watchman Allen was called, who promptly escorted the trio to jail, where he released them after a little brotherly advice. Allen was a soldier himself, and like all other buddies, has a warm spot in his heart for the gang.

Evidently the soldiers missed their train, for early next morning, Chief Taylor ran across them in the waiting room. He also felt friendly, and stepped up and offered them a job. The soldiers weren't extra well dressed—one at least wore overalls under his khaki overcoat. They not only refused the offer with scorn, but with profanity. The chief advised him to moderate his language, and the soldiers resented his interference, with the result that a pitched battle ensued, in the course of which the chief received a couple of wallops. He thereupon drew his gat and using it as a blackjack, assumed control of the situation. All three men again went to jail.

Later in the morning, Chief Taylor released these men, and the parting was made on the most friendly terms. At least two of the prisoners expressed regret that they had run afoul of the law.

This incident was the cause of considerable discussion on the street corners and elsewhere Sunday morning. Witnesses of the affair in the depot do not tell the same story. Representative T. P. A. members, officers of the American Legion and others requested Mayor Rodgers to intervene, but the mayor, with every confidence in the judgment of the chief of police, declined to do so. Later, he decided to talk to the prisoners, and upon proceeding to the jail, found that the men were even then being released.

THE FIREMEN KNEW AFTER ONE SNIFF

Here's Another Fire Hazard That Isn't Down in the Under-writer's Tables

"A distillery has a flavor that a lively stable ain't," to quote from one of those dear old songs. At least the Alliance volunteer firemen say so, and some of them may have experience enough to speak positively. Early Sunday morning, when all the world lay sleeping, there came a fire alarm from one of the colored rooming houses in the old "200" block on West Second street.

When the fireboys responded, they were greeted with some fire and a most penetrating odor. It wasn't the odor of underdone mule steak, as might have been expected, but the odor of liquid refreshments of an intoxicating variety. It was an entrancing odor, one that was described by one fireman as apricot brandy, and by another as sour mash. Still another mentioned rock and rye.

The walls of the room were covered with what might, under other circumstances and in a more homogeneous condition proved to be evidence. The flames were first extinguished, and then the source of the flames and odor traced. It is the opinion of the boys that the two effects were due to one cause—a distilling apparatus that went wrong and blew up.

There was a little evidence left in the room—an empty package labeled "hops"—a package of apricots, some corn. Only this, and nothing more.

The time wasn't entirely wasted, however, for Burlington Special Agent T. J. Smith annexed a colored gentleman by the name of James H. Taylor. James had in his room and in his possession twenty-two cartons of cigarettes—cigarettes that Mr. Smith had been searching for for some time. Mr. Taylor was escorted to the city jail for the time being, and was later arraigned before County Judge Tash on Monday afternoon on a charge of petit larceny. He drew a fine of \$15 and costs. The cigarettes, it was charged, were abstracted from a shipment sent to King's Corner.

SPECIAL EQUITY TERM OF DISTRICT COURT

A special equity term of district court will be held in Alliance on February 20 and 21, Judge W. H. Westover presiding. It is probable that other matters will be taken care of at this time. There are now several prisoners confined in the county jail awaiting sentence.

TROUBLE IN GETTING RECORD BOOKS NEEDED

County Clerk W. C. Mounts is having difficulty in getting hold of needed record books these days, and this means that his office force is handicapped. Orders for some of them have been placed for over three months, but deliveries are just as uncertain now as at any time.

With some of the record books entirely filled, and others with only a little space left to fill, some people are likely to have an enforced delay in getting some of their instruments recorded. In addition to the shortage of books, the county clerk's office force has been taking turns at being ill, which further complicates the situation. No one can tell Mr. Mounts anything about the joys of being the servant of the public these days.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD INITIATION

Sunday was not officially designated as Knights of Columbus day in Alliance, but unofficially it was just that. Beginning with 8 o'clock mass at the Catholic church, the entire day was filled with activities of the Catholics and the Sir Knights, and the proceedings in their entirety constituted a red-letter occasion in the history of the church and the fraternal organization.

The afternoon was largely taken up with initiatory exercises in which thirty-one candidates, residing in Alliance and contiguous territory, took the solemn vows of the order's first three degrees. There is a fourth degree which will be given later.

At 7:30 p. m. the banquet began. The Alliance hotel had prepared a truly sumptuous repast which loaded almost to their capacity the long rows of tables placed in the city armory. A baker's dozen of charming Catholic maidens were the efficient waitresses, and so satisfactorily did they perform their allotted task that Proprietor J. M. Miller of the hotel tendered them a little private banquet all their own after the evening's proceedings.

With J. W. Guthrie as toastmaster—and it is a fact known all over western Nebraska that he has no equal in that capacity—the speech-making proved to be one of the high lights of the day's program. Harry E. Gantz, first on the list of formal speakers, had as a subject, "Charity." He and W. R. Metz, who followed him with a discourse on "Fraternity," handled themselves and their subject matter in a way which drew enthusiastic salvos of applause from the delighted audience of Catholics, Knights of Columbus and Protestant guests. T. M. Morrow of Scottsbluff had as his allotment "Unity." Mr. Morrow's effort was a splendid one, and he shared with W. P. Miles of Sidney, who followed him with a soul-stirring description of Patriotism, the honors of the visiting speakers. Glen Miller and Rufus Jones were called on by the toastmaster for short talks, and this closed the events of the evening and the day.

The occasion, from all accounts reaching The Herald, seems to have been enjoyed equally by the two hundred or more guests and by the fortunate ones included in the list of guests. One Alliance gentleman, included in the latter category, expressed a sentiment universal among his fellow-guests when he exclaimed: "I hope they'll have these occasions once a week and not forget to invite me every time."

AUTO OWNERS SHOULD SECURE NEW LICENSES

County Sheriff Miller this week issues a warning to owners of automobiles that, beginning with the publication of a notice in this issue, automobile owners will be expected to carry a new 1920 license tag on their cars. An informal warning was sounded over a month ago, and the sheriff thinks that forty days' notice is sufficient.

This year there is no the motorist to delay license. The county has the tags on hand put on, and all the make the application fee.

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FOUR DEATHS IN ONE FAMILY FROM EPIDEMIC

MANY VICTIMS IN HOME OF WARREN ALBRIGHT

Four Children Die Within Space of Three Days—Situation in Alliance Is Unchanged

The first victims of the present epidemic of Spanish influenza are all from one family, that of Warren Albright, a rancher living about thirty miles north of Alliance. The dead are: Warren, aged eighteen, who died Sunday morning; Nellie, aged twelve, who died Monday morning; Dave, who died Sunday, and a three-year-old baby, who died Tuesday morning. The mother and another daughter are dangerously ill.

The situation in Alliance remains practically unchanged. There have been no deaths reported from the city, and the number of cases has not increased materially.

There are now three cases in the emergency hospital fitted up in the city hall. The entire second floor of the building has been equipped for the purpose. Competent nurses are in charge and a nominal fee of \$3 per day is charged, which will not reimburse the city for the expense. These quarters are open to all physicians.

MRS. E. C. ZIMMERER PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

Mrs. E. C. Zimmerer, wife of the assistant cashier of the Guardian State bank, passed away Saturday evening about 7 o'clock at their home, 832 Big Horn avenue. Mrs. Zimmerer underwent a minor operation at St. Joseph's hospital in May, 1919, and in July was taken to Omaha for operation for cancer and returned to Alliance in September. At that time it looked as though she would recover, but later she suffered a relapse and kept getting weaker until the end came.

Mrs. Zimmerer was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Straub of near Nebraska City. She was educated in the Scholastic Academy of Paining at Atchison, Kas., and was accomplished in music, having been graduated from the Nebraska Conservatory of Music, Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerer were married in Omaha in 1908 and moved to Alliance about five years ago.

Mrs. Zimmerer is survived by her husband and daughter, Barbara, age five years, and three brothers who live at Avoca, Neb. The remains were taken to Avoca, Neb., Sunday evening and will be laid to rest in the family cemetery. Mrs. Zimmerer was a good and devoted wife and mother and will be mourned by her many friends.

MASS MEETING AT COURT HOUSE WEDNESDAY EVE.

H. C. Bartow, of Fort Pierre, S. D., president of the Great Plains Irrigation project, will present the plan of the association to a mass meeting which has been called for Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. at the court in this city.

Mr. Bartow will have say which should interest man and farmer. It is possible that of the associat Alliance. Tv

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