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URBAN ZEDIKER IS BOUND OVER

Held for Trial in District Court on Charge of Robbing Isaacson Home

Urban R. Zediker was bound over to district court for trial at the December 6 term by Judge Tash after a preliminary hearing in county court last Saturday. The case was set for 10 a. m. and it was 4 p. m. before the case was concluded. Fifteen witnesses were examined during the hearing. Burton & Reddish appeared for the defendant and Lee Basye, county attorney, as prosecutor. Judge Tash set Zediker's bond at \$2,500, which was not furnished.

The A. Isaacson home was entered at some time between 7:30 p. m. on July 30 and noon July 31 and a quantity of jewelry taken. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson and a guest were auto riding early in the evening on July 30, leaving the house about 7:30 in the evening. They returned in an hour for a few minutes, and resumed their ride. At 9:30 they came home. The loss was not discovered until noon the following day, but in all probability the theft took place the previous evening. Jewelry valued in excess of \$1,300 was taken, and but one piece, a three-diamond tie pin, was recovered. Chief of Police Reed finding it in the possession of Thomas Gray. Gray promptly turned it over to the chief, saying that he had received it from Zediker. His statement was corroborated. Zediker was placed under arrest and was arraigned August 4, pleaded not guilty and the preliminary hearing was set for August 14.

The three-diamond tie pin was introduced in evidence. Mrs. Marian Isaacson was called to the stand and positively identified it as the one stolen from her home. She gave its value as \$500.

Chief of Police Reed testified that he had found the stickpin in the possession of Thomas Gray. Mr. Gray said that he was holding the pin in pawn from Urban Zediker and that, so far as he knew, it was Zediker's property. He had lent Zediker \$60 on the pin, and Zediker had stated that he in turn held it in pawn for \$75 from some unnamed person.

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ALLIANCE'S CLAIMS ARE NOT PREJUDICE

Secretary J. W. Guthrie of the Alliance chamber of commerce has received the following letter from J. J. Tooley of Broken Bow, supervisor of the census for the Sixth Nebraska congressional district, which, while it does not give the source of Mr. Tooley's "unofficial" report in regard to our census gain, does bring the welcome news that our claims are not in any manner prejudiced. The letter follows:

"HOLDREGE, Aug. 15, 1920.—Mr. J. W. Guthrie, Alliance, Nebraska, Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th with reference to my report to the Director of the Census that I had been 'unofficially' advised that the enumeration made by your Chamber of Commerce showed only twelve more people than were reported by the enumerators. This information came to me in a way that I felt justified in assuming that it was correct, especially since a month had gone by after I had advised you as to proper procedure to determine whether any serious errors had been made with no word from you either directly or indirectly. I took it for granted that the difference was so small that you had decided to drop the matter without further correspondence.

I regret very much indeed that you feel peeved about it as I am sure that your claims have not in any manner been prejudiced. I had no idea at the time that you had taken the matter up direct with the Bureau. I made this report to the Director because I had previously reported that you were not satisfied with the count and that steps were being taken to verify the same. While the source of my information does not seem to be material as I am the only one who is paced in a 'bad box' I can assure you that it did not come from any one who would be inclined to in a way injure your city. The Director has forwarded to me copies of his letters and telegram to you and I shall hold myself in readiness to go to Alliance whenever directed to do so to verify the list which you seem to have forwarded.

"With personal regards, I beg to remain, yours truly,
"J. J. TOOLEY."

THE WEATHER

For Alliance and vicinity: Fair tonight; warmer west portion Wednesday; generally fair east, probably local thunder showers and cooler afternoon west portion.

DRUNK AT ROOF GARDEN

John Salisbury received a fine of ten dollars and trimmings of police court Monday morning on charge of intoxication. He attended the dance at the roof garden Saturday evening and made himself entirely too numerous, according to reports. The chief objection, aside from the fact that he was possessed of a beautiful skate, was that his language was none too choice. When requested to desist, he continued.

Four men picked him up bodily and carried him down the stairs and deposited him none too gently on the sidewalk. Mr. Salisbury objected to this treatment, and selected the smallest one of the four and endeavored to polish him off. He was up against a buzz saw, however, and when the lights came on, John was in police station with a badly damaged eye. Some of the spectators thought that John got off too easily, at that.

CITY MAY BE OUT OF LUCK

Failure to Forward Certified Copy of Tax Levy to Board of Commissioners

The city of Alliance may be out of luck, so far as getting any tax money is concerned. The law requires, so the folks up at the court house say, that the city must furnish the county board a certified copy of its tax levy. The board then orders the clerk to spread this on the minutes and, when the time comes, he issues a warrant to the county treasurer to collect the tax from residents of the city. But no certified copy has yet appeared, although the board has been in session for seven days, and the board disposed of its levy yesterday.

The county and state levy this year amounted to a total of 27 mills on a total assessed valuation of \$3,176,191. This figure includes the 24 per cent increase on real estate ordered by the state board of equalization. The state board at first ordered a 30 per cent increase, but the commissioners, accompanied by Attorney Eugene Burton, went down and talked them out of 10 per cent of the raise.

The state levy is 10.39 mills; the county levy is the limit, 15 mills, with 1.61 additional mills for a sinking fund with which to pay the court house bonds. There is a 9 mill levy for the general fund, 4 mills for roads and 2 mills for bridges. The levy this year is two mills less than last year, but due to the increased real estate valuation and the natural increase in other property, there will be about \$9,000 more in taxes this year than last.

SPECIAL CAR HERE NEXT THURSDAY

No one interested in farming or livestock should miss the opportunity to see the "Better Farming" exhibit train which will visit Alliance next Thursday morning.

The prosperity of the farmer is depending more and more upon the latest knowledge which can be gained regarding crop rotations, soil management, livestock practices and other agricultural methods and farming short cuts. Just as the merchant or manufacturer must continually develop and improve in order to continue in business, so must the successful farmer of today. Knowing that upon the farm prosperity and the successful rural community depends the very existence of our cities, the various organizations interested are striving to make farming as successful and attractive as possible.

With this in mind, the Agricultural Department of the C. B. & Q. R. R. and the C. & S. Ry. have gone to considerable expense and time, cooperating with the State Agricultural College and have fitted up a "Better Farming" exposition and demonstration train. This exhibit consists of models, pictures and charts how to start and maintain a good crop rotation, how to build an above ground silo or a pit silo, what kind of trees and shrubs are best for windbreaks and ornaments in the west, how to get started in the dairy business and why dairying will pay. In fact, the demonstration is designed especially to give the dry farmer, or irrigated farmer for that matter, some ideas on how to make the farm pay.

WAITING UPON KATIE'S BACK

County Judge Will Not Issue Writ of Ouster Until She Is Able to Get Up

Alfred Ferguson brought an action in forcible detention against Andy Oleson and Kate Drake, well known homesteaders who owned 2,250 acres of land near Hemingford. Andy and Kate a year ago sold their holdings for \$30 per acre. Mr. Ferguson alleges in his petition, and have persistently failed to move out and let him assume control of the land. Sheriff Miller and Deputy Miskimmin served notice on the pair of them last Saturday, to appear in court Tuesday and show cause why a writ of ouster should not issue.

Monday morning, the postman delivered a letter to County Judge Tash, which seems to indicate that Andy is now engaged in moving the household goods and that Kate is in bed, "flat down." Following is the letter:

"Hemingford, Neb., 14, 1920.—Mr. Tash, Dear Sir:—I think it best to try and get a line to you and say I done all I could to get away, I got my back very badly hurt and that was 7 weeks ago and I was just getting around and I was trying to get moved and was working to hard and was lifting a stove my back gave a way I fell back and was carried to the bed, and here I am flat down. I cant possibly get there Tuesday I cant stand a jare. I'm in pain every minute. Andy is moving he is one the rode with 6 horses lode and is coming rite back after more. I tride to get those men to goe and ketch up with him so he nowe what they ware doing but they didnt want to. he dont nowe any thing about this he is moving ase fast ase he cane. cant get any none to help I tried all day try and get some one else all bisy I suprizd at thesee pepel whene we wase about ready to move and theye all new it ane then start this trouble. I cant do any thing only laye heare and think until my back get some better I note staying be becus I wanto and I going to get a way just ase soon as I cane. respectly,
"Kate D."

Judge Tash, knowing Kate and Andy to be old settlers and hard working pioneers, didn't feel disposed to issue a writ of ouster until Katie's back had improved. The hearing has been postponed until she gets back on her feet. By that time, Andy may have finished the moving.

MEXICAN ROMANCE IS INTERRUPTED

The course of true love, as the poet says, doesn't always run smoothly. The truth of this was demonstrated to Concepcion Lopez, a beautiful Mexican damsel, aged twenty, who wept bitterly in county court Monday morning, and declared before high heaven that she would never "give up her Jesus." The man in the case is Jesus L. Gonzales, another Mexican, aged thirty.

Jesus and Concepcion plighted their troth some time ago, as lovers will, and arranged to get married, as lovers should. They appeared before County Judge Tash, who issued the necessary license. Then came the complications. Senor Lopez, father of the fair Concepcion, arrived in a hurry and out of breath to interpose an objection.

Now, Concepcion is twenty years of age, and entitled to wed without parental consent. Senor Lopez, it developed, was not opposed to his daughter marrying. Possibly he approved of it. But he told the court that he had reason to believe that Jesus L. had another wife in old Mexico, and he felt that, under the circumstances, his daughter should not go through with the ceremony. The senior didn't care to accumulate that sort of a son-in-law.

Judge Tash gave the matter judicial consideration, and then suggested that the take the affair to Rev. Father Manning. Here, it is understood, Jesus and Concepcion agreed to delay their nuptials until friends and relatives in Mexico could be communicated with, and the fact established as to Jesus' legal qualifications to enter into the state of matrimony. Concepcion resented her father's interference bitterly and proclaimed her love for the man of her choice, but was finally persuaded to await word from old Mexico.

Milo Brenneman started to work on the rip track Tuesday.

COUNCIL HOLDS A LONG SESSION

Quorum Is Finally Secured, and Disposes of a Number of Important Matters

The city council got away to a flying start last Friday evening. Seven members were in their chairs shortly after 8 p. m., and for the first time in months Mayor Rodgers and City Clerk Kennedy didn't have to spend weary minutes in telephoning for absent members to come in and help make up a quorum. Not only was there a quorum, but one extra councilman turned out. Everything was harmonious—and legal.

The first matter that came up for discussion was the paving on Eighth street. That street is eighty feet wide. All the other streets in the paving districts are but sixty-six. The contract calls for a thirty-foot paving, and the Eighth street residents have been figuring out how a dinky little strip of paving will lock in the middle of that wide street. They were reported to be willing to pay the extra cost of widening the pavement, in order to get their sidewalks within hailing distance, so to speak. The council saw no reason why they shouldn't have this concession if they were willing to pay the bill, and the paving committee was instructed to confer with City Attorney Metz to work out a plan whereby their desire may be realized.

High Cost of Horse Feed

The council then proceeded to allow a raft of bills. Chairman Harris, head of the council's finance committee and the watchdog of the treasury, reported that the official O. K. had been given to all claims with the exception of two. One of these was the claim of R. L. Trabert for twelve days at \$5 per day, during which time Mr. Trabert was inspecting aliyes. The council didn't recall employing Mr. Trabert for this purpose, and it was brought out that the inspection was done under orders from the board of health. A bill for \$150 presented last month by Trabert, had been held up, and the council decided to ask for an itemized statement on the two claims, to be presented at the next meeting.

The other claim to which exception had been taken by Mr. Harris was that of Smith & Brandell for \$39. This covered the keep of an aged and decrepit horse taken up some months ago by ex-Chief Nova Taylor and boarded at public expense until it was disposed of. No one could be found who would give any information concerning this equine quest. One councilman said that he had understood that the animal belonged to a colored preacher and that when taken up by the chief it was necessary to prop it up on both sides to keep it from falling over in the stall. Mr. Harris said he understood that the horse had been sold for \$2, but it later developed that the animal had died on the city's hands and that the hide had brought \$2. Neither could it be established where this \$2 had gone.

No Judge of Horses

After some discussion, the council decided that the only thing to do was to allow the claim, which had received Mr. Taylor's official O. K. In this instance, the cost of feeding was exactly \$37 more than the value of the horse, but perhaps Chief Taylor wasn't a good judge of horse-flesh. At any rate, the city was stuck. One councilman suggested that if another animal of that age was taken up, it would be cheaper to lead it out to the city dump and shoot it, but no recommendation was made. Chief Reed will have to use his best judgment.

Mayor Rodgers reported that one claim had been decreased after it had received the official sanction of the claims committee. This claim was for groceries and supplies furnished various people at the city pest house. Some of them had finally paid up, after having been dunned to death. Mr. Harris suggested that the claim be held up another sixty days in order that the mayor might have time to collect the other bills, but the suggestion was not looked upon with favor.

The council then accepted the audit of the city's books by Wiggins & Babcock of Lincoln, ordered the bill paid and the report placed on file. The document, which was quite lengthy, was not read, to the vast relief of the spectators, and possibly the council as well.

Telephone Franchise Up

For the 'tenth time in the past six months, the council took up the matter of granting a franchise to the Nebraska Telephone company. Clay Harry, commercial manager at Alliance, presented a greatly revised

draft of the proposed ordinance, and it was read to the councilmen. A comparison of the new franchise with that asked by the council's committee will appear in another column of this issue. The present document grants practically every demand made by the council.

Mr. Harry urged immediate action by the council, but when reminded by Mayor Rodgers that it had been three months since the company had promised to submit the new draft, didn't urge the point. The mayor pointed out that since the last consideration given the franchise, there had been a number of changes in the membership of the council, and that he believed the wise thing to do was to postpone action for a month, in order that the new members might have a chance to get acquainted with the document.

J. M. Weaver, who represents some seventy-five embattled eastsiders who want water more than anything else in the world, next took the floor. He came straight to the front. "In my hands," said he, "is a petition signed by seventy-five residents in my part of town. If you people don't want to fool with us, I am instructed to take it to the commissioners." Mr. Weaver then read his petition, which follows:

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GOLDEN RULE STORE ROBBED

Over \$2,000 Worth of Silk Articles of Various Kinds Stolen Saturday Night

Thieves who broke into the Golden Rule store at some time Saturday evening made away with silk articles to the value of over \$2,000. The thieves were aristocrats, in a way, for they refused to take anything but the best grade, carefully sorting out the cheaper silks. Entrance was gained by prying open a window in the rear of the store. The thieves left no trace, and the police have not a single clue to work on.

All of the higher grade Georgette waists were taken, as well as several bolts of silks and spools of silk ribbons. The thieves emptied the men's silk shirt boxes in certain sizes, and took a large quantity of silk kimonos. A number of the most expensive dresses were taken, and a choice assortment of ladies' silk underwear was included. The thieves neglected to bring along suitcases to carry away the loot, and "borrowed" nine or ten from the Golden Rule store.

Mr. Knight, an employe, was the first to discover the loss. He came down to the store about 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and found a quantity of cheaper silks strewn over the floor. The force has been engaged in checking over the stock, and while no definite estimate of the loss has been given, it is said that it will amount to at least \$2,000. It may run considerably over that figure.

During the past year there have been daring silk robberies all over the country. At present prices of silk goods, they offer an extra inducement to thieves, for goods of considerable value take up very little space and there is a ready market for silk in almost any form. In other Alliance store robberies, there has been a tendency to concentrate on silk, although this is the first instance where the thieves took nothing else.

Considering the quantity of stuff stolen, it is probable that the thieves came and made their getaway in an automobile.

John McMahn drew a fine of \$10 and costs in police court Monday morning, the charge against him being that of drunkenness. He was picked up in the Burlington yards last Saturday night, fairly well stewed, and didn't contest the case at all.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. Beatrice Tourtellote, lately of Lakeside, died at the St. Joseph hospital, Monday, August 16 at the age of twenty-one years, four months and six days. Mrs. Tourtellote was stricken with typhoid fever some time ago and brought to the hospital. She leaves her husband and her parents who live in Virginia. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon and interment made in the Greenwood cemetery.

Thomas Jefferson age forty-five years, died at the St. Joseph hospital Monday. The deceased was a resident of south Alliance.

Ben and Walter Malone left today for Denver and points in Minnesota, on their annual two weeks vacation.

PHONE COMPANY IS REAL LIBERAL

Latest Proposed Franchise Makes Concessions Hitherto Declared Impossible

The latest proposed franchise, submitted by the Nebraska Telephone company to the city council last Friday evening, is one that grants practically every point the city has been contesting for. The company's franchise expired nearly two years ago, and since January 1 the company and the city council have been dead-locked over the provisions the next franchise shall contain. Last November Mayor Rodgers appointed City Attorney Metz and Councilman Johnson on a committee to draw up suggestions for a proposed franchise. This committee reported on January 13 last.

Among the suggestions made by the committee were (1) that the company be required to furnish six telephones to the city, (2) that in cases where houses are moved, the company should take down necessary poles and wires at its own expense; (3) that the company place new poles and wires where directed by the committee on streets and alleys, and also that they make such changes in present poles and wires as the committee may direct, and that they install conduits prior to the construction of any paving when the city so requests; (4) that the city be held not liable to prosecute cases where in the company's poles, or equipment were damaged; (5) that the company within three years construct a brick office building at least 50x140 feet; (6) that the company be required to operate free of charge such police and fire alarm systems as now exist or may be installed; (7) that the franchise incorporate a schedule of rates, to be effective in event the matter of rate making is ever taken out of the hands of the state railway commission.

For several months after these suggestions were published, officials of the telephone company argued with the council at its meetings against them. Some reason was cited why none of these provisions should be included in a franchise. But just what the company incorporated in its last proposed draft:

First, it will take down its wires free of charge in cases of house moving; (2) it agrees to place poles where directed by the commissioner of streets and alleys, and will move poles when it is decided to pave any particular area; (3) it will hold the city without liability for any loss or damage resulting from the company's construction in the city; (4) if, at any time the company proposes to ask for an increase in rates, it will, on request, furnish the city a statement of its gross earnings and operating expenses for the year preceding the request.

There are a few points covered in the suggestions which are not taken care of, and others, such as operation of the fire and police alarm systems, which are covered by the passage of an occupation tax.

In the event the franchise is granted, the company agrees, within five years, to remove poles and wires in the downtown district and presumably, install a conduit.

BOOSTER DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Marsland's booster day, observed last Saturday, was a huge success in every way. The weather was ideal for an outdoor celebration, the entertainment offered was excellent and the crowd all that could be desired. The program opened with an address at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. Orrin Gould of Alliance, which was very well received. The sports events began at 1 o'clock with foot races, of which there were three, one for boys under fifteen years, another for girls of the same age, and the third, a free-for-all for men.

Hemingford came out victor in the ball game, winning from Crawford by a score of 14 to 5. The teams were pretty evenly matched for the first two innings, but the Hemingford boys managed to break the spell in the third, getting seven scores. The next inning they made five more. Crawford had a streak of pep later in the game, but the lead was too strong to overcome.

The steer riding was an interesting feature, but the steers didn't object particularly. The real event of the afternoon was the bucking contest, when cowboys rode such horses as Dingo, Steamboat II, Yellow Fever, Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., and Rocking Chair.