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THE JURY DISAGREES

Slatery Case will Have to go Through Legal Mill Again

ACQUITTAL, 7; MANSLAUGHTER, 5

Will Come up Again at Regular Fall Term of Court.

The jury in the Slatery case were discharged Monday evening after having been in the box fifty two hours without reaching a verdict. When discharged the jury stood seven for acquittal and five for manslaughter.

The case was given to the jury about 4:30 Saturday afternoon, and we understand that upon the first ballot and upon each succeeding ballot until midnight they stood six for murder in the second degree and six for acquittal. At about that hour the six who stood for conviction dropped from murder in the second degree to manslaughter, but the six who were for acquittal were loyal and their ballots were unchanged. Shortly thereafter one of the six who was voting for convicting changed his ballot and thereafter voted for acquittal each time. On one ballot they stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction.

The pleas were made Saturday and the court-room was crowded. R. R. Dickson and County Attorney Mullen presented the states side of the case in an able and forceful manner, each maintaining that sufficient evidence had been presented to convict the defendant of murder in the first degree as charged in the complaint. Their arguments were quite lengthy and had the important evidence in the case was thoroughly gone over and the main facts brought prominently to the attention of the jury.

Judge Kinkaid and M. F. Harrington delivered lengthy and able pleas in behalf of the defense. The main points in their pleas were that the shooting was accidental, and that had it not been the defendant was justified in shooting in self defense. The evidence introduced by the defense tending to show the shooting had been accidental was prominently brought before the jury and acquittal of the defendant was asked for the reason that had the shooting not been accidental the defendant was justified in shooting in self defense.

The attorneys for the defense will now ask for their clients release upon bail, pending a retrial which will come up at the next term of the district court, which will be held this fall.

Summer Excursions.

Are now on to all points north, east and west, via the Great Northern line, especially low rates being made this year for summer travel. Tickets sold daily to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Fishing resorts in Minnesota. Tours to Buffalo and Chicago via the Great Lakes. Montreal, Quebec, Boston Portland and other summer resorts in New England and Canada.

If you intend making a trip this summer full information regarding rates, routes, limits, etc., will gladly be furnished by any agent, or by Fred Rogers, general passenger agent, Sioux City, Ia.

Minor Matters

A. T. Potter returned Friday last from Los Angeles, Cal., where he had been in attendance at the Presbyterian general assembly. Mr. Potter has been absent about four weeks, and visited several places of interest in Colorado and on the California coast during his stay.

At the adjourned meeting of the school board, held last Monday evening, Miss Anna Hopkins was elected teacher for the eight grade of the public school. This completes the list of teachers for the ensuing school year.

A delegation of Sunday school workers from O'Neill and adjacent territory went to Neligh Tuesday to attend a Sunday school convention now in session there.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Maher were in Atkinson last Saturday attending the meeting of the Elkhorn Valley editors.

Street Commissioner Martin is engineering the construction of a new sidewalk north from the Great Northern depot.

You that owe the firm of Con Keys call now and pay up. There is a mortgage to be paid. 1-w

Tom McPharlin, left for Sioux City Tuesday evening to spend a few days visiting friends.

Hugh O'Neill, of Chelsea, had business in the city the first of the week.

John Weekes returned from his visit to Omaha Sunday evening.

The pretty school teacher have possession of the town this week.

G. A. McCutcheon had business at Inman yesterday.

MARRIAGES

June Wedding Becoming Popular Among Young and Middle Aged

Charles N. Cole and Miss Clara Boucher, of Dustin, were united in marriage at the home of the grooms parents in this city last Tuesday evening, Rev. S. F. Sharpless officiating. The groom is well known in this city where he resided for years, until a couple of months ago when he moved to Butte and opened up a large jewelry store in that bustling burg. He has scores of friends in this city and vicinity who heartily extend congratulations. The bride is a charming young lady whose parents reside near Dustin and has been one of western Holt's most progressive school teachers. She is not generally known in this city but those having the honor of her acquaintance speak very highly of her as a young lady of many accomplishments. The happy young couple left Tuesday evening for their future home at Butte, Neb. The Frontier extends its heartiest congratulations.

Last Wednesday Rev. Amas Fetzer of the Methodist church performed the ceremony that united in marriage Virgil Kline and Miss Myrtle Embody, both of this city. The Frontier extends congratulations and well wishes for a long life of wedded bliss.

Arthur F. Mullen left for Clinton, Ia., last Sunday morning, where next Wednesday morning he will be united in marriage to one of Clinton's fairest maidens.

Gus Vecker, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Julia Haynes, of this city, were united in marriage last week. The groom is 44 and the bride 47.

Henry Mathis and Miss Metta Richards of Atkinson were granted a marriage license by Judge Morgan last Monday.

Brad Departs

H. M. Bradstreet left this morning for Hood River, Oregon, where he expects to remain a year or so looking over the country with a view to permanently locating providing the climate and country suits him. Brad still retains the ownership of his Holt county land however and says when the glamour of the land among the hills wears off he may return to old Holt content to pass his declining years in the county in which he has lived the past twenty-five and in which he has endured privations and trials and enjoyed prosperity and happiness. The Frontier wishes him good luck and will follow him to his western home to keep him posted on political and local events in old Holt.

Arrested for Rape

John Cairns, a young man seventeen years old, was arrested at his home near Badger last Saturday afternoon by Sheriff Hall and brought to this city. He is charged with having committed rape upon the person of Ida Barnes, aged thirteen years, also a resident of this county, living near Badger. He was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Morgan last Monday and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$300, which bond was furnished and the prisoner released.

Local Matters

Mrs. H. Snyder and Mrs. William Gilmore, mother and sister of O. O. Snyder, came up from Sioux City last Thursday to attend the graduating exercises of the class of 1903, of which class Miss Bessie Snyder was a member. Mrs. Gilmore returned home Tuesday morning while Mrs. Snyder will visit here for several weeks.

Henry L. Peck, editor of the Randolph Times, was in the city Sunday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin. Mr. Peck was on his way home from Atkinson where he had been attending the seventh annual convention of the Elkhorn Valley Editorial association.

Supervisors Biglin, Howard and Simar were up at Stuart Tuesday to appraise a tract of ten acres of school land which has been and now is used for a cemetery. The land is under lease and Stuart parties are wanting to get a title to the same.

Attorney L. C. Chapman moved his family down from Atkinson last week and is now a full-fledged citizen of O'Neill. The Frontier hopes Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will find their residence in O'Neill both pleasant and profitable.

If you want to enjoy a good old-fashioned celebration July 4, come to O'Neill. We assure the people of Holt county that O'Neill will give her visitors the warmest time to be had in these parts on the great national holiday.

Lost—Some where in northern vicinity of O'Neill, an ice saw; 50c reward for returning to meat shop.—F. M. Brittell.

THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS

Annual Commencement Exercises of Eighth Grade and High School

SOME LABORATORY EXPERIMENTS

A New Feature In the Graduating Evening Program

The O'Neill public schools rounded out another year's work last week, the closing exercises of the eighth grade occurring on Thursday evening, when an exceptionally interesting program was rendered to a large audience.

The commencement exercises of the high school were given the following evening. A new feature was introduced this year that made the exercises both novel and interesting. A number of the class gave scientific experiments which took the place of the customary orations.

Miss Alice Turner opened the class program with an excellent address relative to their scientific work and explaining that the object in devoting commencement evening to practical demonstrations was to arouse in patrons of the school an interest for the study of the sciences in the O'Neill high school.

Following Miss Turner's introductory remarks demonstrations were made by her fellow students as follows:

Oxygen, Miss Lind Trueblood. Phosphorus, Miss Rhoda Sherman. The pendulum, Miss Alberta Spindler.

Falling bodies, Mr. John J. McGreevy.

Atmosphere pressure, Miss Sue Gillespie.

Electricity (part 1), Miss Bessie Snyder.

Electricity (part 2), Mr. Owen Meredith.

Mr. Merle Kline then followed with an able and interesting oration on the "Future of Electricity." It can be said to have been one of the best if not the best and most interesting commencement exercises our schools have yet given and shows that the instructors are doing thorough work and merit the hearty co-operation of all. It might be said further that the high school is adding to the course every year and now ranks among the best in the state.

Have you attended our auction sale? If not you have missed opportunity to secure some first-class goods at your own price. Our entire stock is to be sold at auction and we have a splendid line of jewelry. The sale commenced Wednesday at 2:30 and will commence at that hour each afternoon and at 7:30 each evening until the stock is disposed of. Come and attend these sales and get some of the bargains that are going. F. B. Cole & Son.

Gregory County Pilot: Owens Hinds of Butte, Neb., and Miss Stella Boucher of Dustin, Neb., were married by Judge Stracher on May 28. Miss T. Bently and Miss Adams of O'Neill, Neb., were in Fairfax Wednesday in the interests of the Sprague Publishing Company of Chicago, Ill.

DIVORCES WANTED

Unhappily Mated Seek Release from Matrimony's Bonds

On June 10 Lottie Shane filed her petition in the district court of Holt county praying that a decree of divorce be granted her from her husband, James Shane. She alleges that they were married November 7, 1898. That since that time she has conducted herself as a true and faithful wife. As grounds for divorce she alleges that defendant is an habitual drunkard and that he has failed to provide for her and children. She asks that the custody of their two children and reasonable alimony be awarded her.

Mary G. Hanna, of Chambers, filed a petition in the district court of Holt county on June 8, praying for a divorce from her husband Bard G. Hanna, reasonable alimony and the custody of their three children. She alleges in her petition that defendant has abused her, calling her vile names and that he has become an habitual drunkard. She alleges that he has a home-stead worth \$2400 and personal property worth \$700. They were married June 7, 1897.

Atkinson O. K.

The Frontier editor attended the seventh annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Editorial Association held at Atkinson last Saturday. It was largely attended and was one of the most successful meetings ever held by the association. The citizens of Atkinson, both great and small were lavish with their hospitality and made each member of the press gang feel that their lines were indeed cast in a pleasant place.

Editor Church, of the Graphic, and a delegation of citizens, met the editors from the east end at the train Friday night and each editor was taken in charge by one of Atkinson's business men who took them to their homes and entertained them. It was our good fortune to be taken in charge by Mose Campbell and was entertained at his home. Mr. Campbell has a beautiful home, which he erected last summer, and he has been very successful in business which fact is gratifying to the many O'Neill friends of the family. Mr. Campbell and his estimable wife have our sincere thanks for the hospitality accorded and we hope they will continue to thrive and prosper. Atkinson is not a mighty city but within the confines of that municipality a real class of progressive, whole-souled people and it and its people will long live green in the memory of the Elkhorn Valley editors who partook of their hospitality June 6.

They Played Ball

The Atkinson and O'Neill ball teams crossed bats on the local diamond last Sunday afternoon. The game was won by Atkinson with a score of 9 to 5. It was quite an interesting contest and was witnessed a good-sized crowd of fans.

Cultivators! Cultivators!

Now is your chance if you want to buy a good one cheap and the beauty is I will sell cheaper for cash than time, but I will give any reasonable time.—Neil Brennan. 48tf

ELKHORN EDITORS MEET

Atkinson Entertains Them and Bestows Much Hospitality

COMING TO O'NEILL NEXT TIME

Seventh Annual is Made a Notable and Pleasurable Event

By Courtesy of the Atkinson Graphic

With perfect weather, large attendance, interesting program and unbounded enthusiasm on the part of both editors and the people of Atkinson, there was no reason why the seventh annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Editorial association held in Atkinson last Saturday should not be an unlimited success—and it was. In fact most of the members present declared it the best ever. The Graphic is proud of Atkinson. The editor has attended many association meetings, but never has he seen the people of a town take hold and "mix" as they did here. Informal sociability was rampant—everybody was full of it. If the sourest man on earth had been here, he would have grinned and frisked some before night. But there's no use expatiating thus in generalities; everyone knows how Atkinson does these things, and those who didn't know before found out about it last Saturday.

The first arrivals were Fern D. Smith, editor of the Chambers Bugle, and his foreman B. J. Newlon. They arrived on the 3:25 train, Friday afternoon—just about five minutes after the Graphic had kicked off its overalls and donned its company manners. And by the way, the scriptural prophecy regarding the precedence and subsequence of the first and last was neatly fulfilled in this instance, as Mr. Smith missed the Sunday morning train and was compelled to visit with the Graphic man till the two o'clock freight came.

Friday night brought the rest of the crowd from the east, and Saturday morning the west enders piled off the train singly, in couples, in groups and in crowds. The I. O. O. F. band met the train at the depot, and led the procession up town to listen to an open air concert, after which the crowd assembled at the M. E. church to listen to the program.

The exercises begun with the singing of "America" by all present, led by the choir consisting of the Misses Scott and Messers. Crossman and Allen.

Rev. D. J. Clark invoked the Divine Blessing and guidance of the ruler of the universe upon the press of the country in whose keeping is a power realized by few—scarcely by themselves.

Willis Murphy here favored the audience with a cornet solo, a most artistic rendition of "Robin Adair."

The address of welcome by W. E. Scott was a masterly effort in that line, and when he got through the pencil-pushers knew that they were really welcome—there was no doubt about it. He told them to go any place they wanted to in town—around corners or across lots. He had no keys to present them, but any key they desired would be procured and handed over instantaneously. Mr. Scott also rendered a fine tribute to the power of the press, which was appreciated by the boys, not because it was a new idea to them but because it is so seldom expressed.

President D. S. Efner, of Chadron, having missed connections and being absent, the chair called upon L. M. Bates, of Longpine to respond, and Mr. Bates proved himself entirely equal to the occasion. In a few well chosen sentences he assured the Atkinson people that their welcome would not be wasted nor overlooked. Then he claimed that his speech was a failure and blamed the Graphic man for calling on him, which awoke some people to the fact that the Graphic man has some good judgment after all.

H. G. Lyon, of Gordon, was unable to be present, but the subject of his paper, "The Ideal Newspaper Town" was made a subject for general discussion and everybody participated. It was here that Col. John G. Maher advanced his theory that a free use of the imagination in newspaper writing is a thing of beauty and a joy forever and it was here that the boys, headed by the redoubtable Bob Good, fell upon him and smote mightily, whereupon the puissant colonel gracefully and by degrees retreated from his pulpit without for a moment lowering his bold front.

The paper by Geo. A. Miles, of the Ainsworth Herald, entitled "When Where, How and to What Extent Should an Editor work? Also Who?" Bro. Miles was of the opinion that we should all do our best to work the state board to locate the junior normal at Ainsworth.

This closed the morning program and adjournment was taken for "pi." President Efner caught a freight train somewhere up the road and arrived in time to have his picture taken with the rest of the crowd in front of the Graphic office, and to take charge of the afternoon session.

At the beginning of the afternoon session the Misses Scott and Messrs. Allen and Murphy, with Mrs. Scott presiding at the organ, rendered some highly appreciated vocal music.

Rev. J. A. MacLean's address "Pulpit and Press," was a scholarly discourse in which he classed the pulpit as the outgrowth of the Sunday school and the press the outgrowth of the common school—each the very essence of mental and moral force, born of early thought, development and forming.

Three papers which were handled in a most able manner were "County Organization" by J. W. Burleigh, of the Ainsworth Star-Journal. "The Editorial Page," by E. S. Ricker, of Chadron Times. "Mutual Ready Prints," by B. W. McKeen, of the Elgin Review. Each of these papers elicited lively criticism. Bro. Burleigh never writes anything in a halting manner, and his paper left no doubt as to his belief in the matter. Discussion in the matter finally resulted in a vote in favor of the president appointing a committee of three to formulate plans for county organization. The president announced that he would name the committee, later, and in the evening did so, naming D. H. Cronin of O'Neill, R. B. Good of Newport and J. W. Burleigh of Ainsworth.

The editorial page was never more ably discussed (or exonerated) than by Bro. Ricker, and most of the brethren took occasion to rise to their feet if only to express their admiration of it.

Bro. McKeen pointed out more difficulties in the way of mutual ready prints than most of us had thought of, but never the less many believe that there is no difficulty too large to overcome, and all joined harmoniously in cussing the ready print combine to our heart's content.

Bro. Eves flunked out on his "Ode to the Advertising Hog" and refused to make it rhyme, and we understand his subscribers are now trying to make him adopt the rule for good. However, he discussed the topic very entertainingly.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved, after which L. M. Bates, who was last year appointed a committee to investigate the general conduct of the brethren, reported that he had no charges to prefer, that all ethics of the craft seemed to have been fairly observed. He also exonerated the Graphic man from a charge brought by Bob Good to the effect that we had tried to "fix up" the office some for this occasion, by declaring that anyone could see that the charge was without the slightest foundation. Bro. Bates was continued on the committee and was also given the assistance of Bros. Good of Newport and Cooper of Rushville, and the president admonished them to be especially active during the coming year.

J. W. Burleigh, committee on legislation, reported everything smooth and all necessary duties performed. Report was accepted and committee discharged.

Next came the selection of the next meeting place and on motion of E. S. Eves, O'Neill was unanimously selected, and the association will celebrate its eight anniversary at its birthplace, having been organized there seven years ago. It is confidently expected that on this auspicious occasion the emerald city will get right up on her tip-toes and put up an entertainment that will make the boys swear by her for evermore.

Election of officers coming next, A. M. Church was elected president for the ensuing year, M. L. Mead of Bassett, vice president, and E. S. Eves of O'Neill secretary-treasurer.

The following were present and received into the association as honorary members:

Mesdames Mead, Mather and Geddis of Bassett, Miles of Ainsworth, Good of Newport, Eves of O'Neill, Efner of Chadron, Baker, Valentine, Church of Atkinson, Misses Miller of Atkinson, Bowers of Ainsworth, Hudspeth of Stuart, McLaughlin of O'Neill.

On motion the receipts of the evening were voted to the retiring secretary for expenses during the past year. On motion the president appointed Mayes, Barker and McKeen a committee on resolutions, to report during the evening.

The next on the program was "Round Table," and under the guiding hand of Bob Good it was exceedingly lively and interesting. Time did not allow the discussion of all sub-

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YOUR ATTENTION

We now have on hand the most complete line of hardware ever had west of Omaha. In connection with our hardware and furniture business, we have completed a line of farming machinery. We handle the Deering binders, mowers and rakes, also corn binders. Our furniture stock is being constantly enlarged. We invite your presence to look over our splendid line.

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