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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

What is the "Drago doctrine," which is to be excluded from the deliberations of The Hague conference? It has nothing to do with the late Queen Drago of Serbia, but derives its name from Dr. Drago, Foreign Minister of the Argentine Republic, who, imitating the example of President Monroe, enunciated the convenient theory that debts owed to the citizens of one government by those of another may not be "collected" by force. This was what the combined fleets of England, Germany and Italy in 1902 appeared off Venezuela and caused Mr. Kipling to write his "Rovers." This "Drago" doctrine was naturally hailed with enthusiasm by all the money-borrowing republics of South America; but they were told from Washington that it could not be regarded as a subclause of the Monroe doctrine.

The longest distance the human voice has been transmitted is believed to be from Montreal to Winnipeg, 1,420 miles, over the special copper wire along the line of the Canadian Pacific railroad. This wire, which has intermediate connections only at North Bay and Fort William, was installed by the railroad company for its telegraph system, by means of which two messages, one by telephone and the other by telegraph, can be transmitted simultaneously over the wire. A number of tests have been made of the new outfit, it being found quite easy to converse from end to end of the line, while at the same moment operators at an intermediate station (Fort William) were sending a telegraphic message to Montreal.

Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of the West Virginia senator and heiress to a goodly fortune, is one of the few athletic girls who refuse to acknowledge the padding of their waists. A few persons outside her family circle have seen Miss Elkins when she was not astride a horse and clad in the most masculine-looking garments. She invariably wears a derby hat, a stiff linen collar, a small black tie and cutaway coat. She has magnificent black hair, but she conceals it under her hat and, it is said, in mischief, Miss Elkins takes a positive delight in being mistaken for her brother.

In Brussels lives a lawyer who recently made good use of a phonograph in a lawsuit. He had been continually annoyed by the noises of a hammering at an iron foundry in his rear neighborhood. Finding that complaints were unavailing, he brought the matter to court. But before doing so he placed a phonograph in his library for one whole day. When the case came before the court he produced the phonograph and set going the specific prepared cylinder. An uproar from the bench and the judge of Vulcan was the result, and the ingenious lawyer won his case.

Italy has produced a new cereal for bread making purposes that is being given a good deal of popular attention. A public test was made the other day at Mesbrino of baking bread from flour of the new grain, which is named Oleo Caffro, and has been developed by a priest of the name of Candio. The bread was pronounced to be palatable, light and, mixed with one-third of wheat flour is declared to make a sustaining food at very low price. Besides this, the new cereal is said to be its general use would do away with the pellagra in Italy.

American and English women married to great Roman nobles have done much toward refining life in the Eternal city. They discouraged the rough horseplay and the practical joking, so common under the old regime even in the best houses. They have introduced such amenities of life as open fireplaces, bathrooms and improved sanitation, and, in short, they exercised the same softening and humanizing effect upon the Roman nobility of the last half of the nineteenth century that the Greeks had upon the ancient Roman patricians.

Well into the nineteenth century the sale of a place in the house of commons was considered an honorable and desirable transaction as the purchase of a commission in the army. "I have seen an advertisement," wrote Professor Frye, "before Grampound was dissolved, offering a borough for sale, not only to be held by soldiers, but by the court of chancery. A short time before the reform bill Lord Monson paid £100,000 for Gaton, which contained about twenty-five houses and rather more than 100 inhabitants."

One of the largest and most interesting engineering undertakings in course of construction at the present time is the building on a public street in Paris of two underground passages, and a considerable length of connecting tunnel, which, when completed, will be sunk into position. These are for the use of the Metropolitan subway, the main line of which runs across the Seine. The sections which cross the river have been built on land and floated to location, where they are sunk to the river bottom.

"Tramway," a very useful word universally employed in Great Britain but hardly ever heard here, is said to have been derived from "Outram's ways," Outram being the first man to lay iron plates on wooden stringers. "Tram" is an old word, meaning, at various times, a sled, a car. The word "tram" was used long before Outram's time for designating a plank road or even a highway. It seems more likely that it was in this way "tram" is probably a coincidence.

The Japanese spaniel, or sleeve-dog of Japan, is one of the long-coated varieties which is much admired. They have been hard to acclimatize, and many discouragements have been met with in their introduction. They have large heads, with big dark eyes, set wide apart on very full. Their little tails curl up over their backs like feather dusters. One pound is the true sleeve-dog weight.

Dorothy Lady Stanley, the widow of the famous Africa explorer, was married a few days ago to Henry Curtis, of whom the world knows little save that he is a fellow of the Royal college of surgeons. Since Sir Henry M. Stanley's death, three years ago, she has lived the life of a recluse at Furse Hill, the country place in Surrey that Stanley bought, and where he is buried.

The Lewis and Clark expedition brought 120,000 persons from east of the Rocky mountains to the coast in 1805. With the foundation in exploitation laid by Portland for Seattle to build upon, says a writer in the Pacific Monthly, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition will bring at least 250,000 in 1909.

The most difficult part of the coal dust problem is to discover what elements must necessarily be present in a coal to make the best gasifier. Some experiments have been carried on with the result that the results obtained by the collection of

TAKE CHARGE OF CHILDREN AND ESTATE OF VICTIMS

Brothers of Murdered W. H. Copple Find \$15,000 Property to Administer.

Pender, Neb., May 22.—Last Saturday J. O. Copple, W. H. Copple, Elmer E. Copple and W. W. Reed, the three former brothers of the late Walter Copple, who was murdered last week, and the latter a brother-in-law, came to Pender and made application for letters of administration for their brother's estate and guardianship papers for their children.

J. O. Copple, formerly a county commissioner of this county, will be appointed to both positions. The estimated value of the estate is \$10,000, with \$5,000 life insurance in favor of the children. There are four children.

During their stay in Pender the brothers stated to a number of parties that they were opposed to lynch law and wanted Burke, alias Higgins, to be tried and receive his just deserts in the penitentiary. There is little or no excitement here now, and it is hardly probable that any effort will be made to lynch the murderer when he is brought to Pender for a hearing. No complaint has as yet been filed here, and it is possible that nothing will be done for several days yet.

ROY MAYNARD IS GUILTY; LIFE IN PRISON

Alliance, Neb., May 22.—The jury in the case of Roy Maynard, the Denver boy who shot and killed Roy Barnes, returned a verdict of guilty of first degree murder in the first degree and recommended life imprisonment.

BUNDY IS FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Tehamak, Neb., May 22.—The Bundy jury returned at 4 a. m. Sunday with a verdict of guilty of manslaughter with recommendation to the court for mercy. The prisoner, Bruce Bundy, received the verdict with no signs of emotion. Ex-Senator William Miller of Oakland, was foreman of the jury. Sentence will be imposed when Judge Redick returns from Omaha.

Herbert E. Austin and Bruce Bundy were both prosperous farmers, residing about eight miles northeast of Tehamak. The farms joined and the houses were not 200 yards apart. Austin had a wife and little daughter 7 years old. Bundy was a single man and kept "bachelor's hall." Austin and Bundy were boys together, raised in the same neighborhood and were companions until about one year ago, when Austin became suspicious that Bundy was getting too intimate with Mrs. Austin. A quarrel ensued, in which Austin forbade Bundy ever coming on the place again. As time went on the bitterness of feeling increased because Mrs. Austin refused to cut out her friendship for Bundy. About the first of this year Austin and his wife separated on this account, but her parents succeeded in patching the matter up by her agreeing to have nothing more to do with Bundy, but it is alleged the faith was not kept. Bundy forbade Austin to come on his premises and when he did the fatal quarrel ensued.

GOVERNOR SHELTON WILL TALK TO OAKLAND GRADS

Oakland, May 22.—The commencement exercises of the Oakland high school will be held at the Lutheran church Saturday evening, June 1. Governor Sheldon will deliver the address to the class. The school board has elected Miss Pearl Harris, of Fullerton, Neb., as assistant principal of the Oakland high school for the coming year.

GETS CUSTODY OF CHILD AND \$3,300 ALIMONY

Pender, Neb., May 22.—Saturday Judge Graves granted a divorce to Mary Warrington from W. H. Warrington, giving the custody of the only minor child, Geneva, to the plaintiff and \$3,300 alimony. Warrington is landlord of the Lindie hotel. The action was brought on the grounds of cruelty.

ARE STILL FIGHTING FOR OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pender, Neb., May 22.—The Whitcomb-Chase contest for the office of county attorney will probably be heard again by Judge Sutton of the Omaha bench on Friday. Chase defaulted when the case was up before, but owing to circumstances, gets a new hearing.

YEGGIMEN CRACK A NEBRASKA BANK

Winnipeg City, Neb., May 22.—At 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning robbers blew open the safe of the local bank and escaped with an estimated amount between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

The explosion aroused the entire town, and one citizen got out in time to catch a rather unwelcome glimpse of the robbers, four in number, who fled with a team and buggy, being hailed as the citizens believe, toward Sioux City.

The citizens approached just as the robbers were making off and they threw a man on him, keeping him a distance.

Cashier F. M. Thompson was aroused, and after vainly attempting to call up the Sioux City police, he hied to escape with the money he had been cut to prevent communication by that means.

Cashier Thompson then aroused the Great Northern telegraph operator and word was sent to the Sioux City police through the dispatcher's office.

The citizens who came in uncomfatable contact with the robbers were able to give a fairly good description of the men, which has been furnished to the police.

It is believed that the bank carries a large amount of government funds, Winnipeg being located on the Indian reservation. It is about thirty miles from Sioux City.

MANUFACTURERS TO GO ON RECORD ON TARIFF

New York, May 22.—Whether they favor a revision of the tariff and, if so, to what extent and in what manner, is expected to be announced by the National Association of Manufacturers, which convened here today.

The question will come up in the report of the tariff committee, which also a pull of 3,000 members. The association will continue Tuesday and Wednesday.

TAKEN FOR MURDERER PEDDLER SHOT IN LEGS

Wayne, Neb., May 21.—A. C. Statler, an itinerant peddler, and a cripple due to paralysis of his left arm, is hobbling about the court house with a bunch of birds shot in his left leg, the result of going up against Marshal Dan Maher's shotgun at Carroll. Tuesday morning Mrs. Steve Jones saw a tramp and his pack leave their barn and hike down the alley. A few minutes later fire broke out in the building and burned it down. It was then suspected that the fellow might be Burke, the bad man who killed the Copples, and a hurried search revealed that he had taken the train to Carroll. Marshal Maher was called up and lay in wait for the villain at the elevator.

Statler's story is that it was snowing and blowing as he passed the elevator, that somebody said hello to him and he looked up and returned the salutation; that after walking a short distance he heard somebody shouting but paid no attention, then he fell in the leg, and when he turned Maher came towards him, gun in hand. "What do you want to shoot me for?" and that Dan replied by calling him a vile name, and threatened him with more violence if he didn't do as he was told.

Statler was then brought to Wayne and turned over to Sheriff Mears, although it was known at Carroll, where a doctor picked up the fellow, that he had a long way from answering the description of Burke. He is a harmless looking unfortunate, neither dangerous or vicious and was very bitter in his denunciation of Maher, who he charged with doing damages. Marshal Maher feels bad about the unfortunate affair. Then his version of the affair differs materially from Statler's in that when he told the fellow he wanted him Statler suggested that the marshal should go where they don't travel by rail. Dan also says he tried to scare the man and didn't anticipate the birdshot would puncture him at the distance.

Marshal Maher and his victim have patched up their differences so there's nothing more to it but—two sore legs.

INDIANS PLAY JOKE ON WHITES, FEED 'EM DOG

Naper, Neb., May 21.—Four Naper sports went out to the Indian dances joined in the festivities. They were armed for the occasion with a number of bottles of liquor, and in the course of the evening supplied several of the Indians with liberal drinks, as a result of which the interpreter at the day school lost his job. But the joke was not altogether with the white men. The Indian is a solemn individual, but you have several guesses coming if you think he does not enjoy a practical joke. The festivities included a dog feast, something enjoyed occasionally by the other Indians. The dusky old jokers, not to be outdone by the men with the firewater, told them they had a nice veal stew, and the four whites filled up on the "delicacy" and even wanted to know how the Indians learned to prepare the meat so it tasted so nice. As the solemn jokers never told the visitors what they had eaten and they did not know until next day. Now they bark every time they see veal stew on the bill of fare.

SOME MYSTERY IN MURDER OF A NEGRESS

Alliance, Neb., May 21.—Clifford Holman, a colored janitor at the Phelan opera house here, shot and killed Sadie Bowlan, with whom he had been living as his wife.

There seems to be some mystery connected with the affair, as it did not seem to learn the facts, but it is supposed that they had been drinking and a quarrel ensued.

Holman delivered himself up to the authorities immediately after the shooting and made a statement that he had killed the woman in self defense, as she was after him with a razor, and as further evidence to this fact, he stated that she had the razor in her death grasp. An investigation by the police did not substantiate this, but when three colored men, who were on the death scene without much delay, were called and questioned they soon produced the razor, which was found under the bed and there is no doubt it was placed there by them.

It is said the woman had an unsavory record and about a year ago was implicated in the shooting of the city marshal at Crawford.

NEBRASKA IS IN GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION

Lincoln, Neb., May 21.—Nebraska's floating debt is now at the lowest figure it has reached for many years, and a new call for general fund warrants is being made to interest the public. The outstanding amount of indebtedness to approximately \$1,200,000.

On the date of the last call, May 13, the unpaid warrants aggregated \$1,275,000, and at the end of April, 1906 the floating debt stood at \$2,091,000, and at the end of May it was \$1,369,500. These figures show that the state has gained nearly \$700,000 on its debt in less than a year, and at the same time has made a statement that will wipe out before the expiration of this biennium April 1, 1909.

Treasurer Brian has received the last dividend due the state from the defunct First National bank of Orleans \$2,000 in amount. A former dividend of \$2,000 was recently paid, making \$4,000 in all. The state had \$2,000 on deposit when the bank failed in May, 1897, so that it gets 20 per cent. of its loss counting no interest. The money was sent by J. W. McDonald, of Lincoln, who has been acting as receiver. It was not realized from assets, of which the bank had none, but came through an assessment on some of the large stockholders.

CAME BACK TO OLD HOME TOWN; KILLS SELF

Norfolk, Neb., May 21.—W. W. Roberts, for years a prominent insurance man here, and lately of Oklahoma, who had returned to make this city his home, committed suicide at a rooming house, with carbolic acid. Domestic difficulties caused the act. The lifeless body lay for several hours before it was discovered in bed.

LOOT POSTOFFICE AND GET \$13,000

Pasadena, Cal., May 21.—The safe in the Pasadena postoffice was blown open early today by robbers and \$13,000 in unbroken packages of stamps was stolen.

O'BRIEN TO BE NEXT MINISTER TO JAPAN

Washington, May 21.—It is announced at the state department today that Thomas J. O'Brien, of Grand Rapids, Mich., minister to Copenhagen, will become ambassador to Japan in September on the retirement of Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, who has given notice that he wishes to leave the service.

PRINCIPALS IN BRUTAL NEBRASKA TRAGEDY



L. R. HIGGINS, ALIAS FRED BURKE The Murderer.



WALTER F. COPPLE, Who Was Slain.



MRS. WALTER F. COPPLE, Who Was Slain.

Omaha, Neb., May 20.—Louis R. Higgins, alias Fred Burke, who on last Monday morning murdered Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Copple near Rosalie, Neb., for whom he worked, is anxiously awaiting the coming of his mother from Denver. He says all he wants now is to see his mother and then he doesn't care what becomes of him. He still maintains the crime was committed while he was drunk and that he had stolen no money.

The funeral of the murdered pair, Mr. and Mrs. Copple, took place Thursday afternoon at Bancroft, Neb., the home of W. H. Copple, brother of the dead man and was very largely attended.

BISHOP TO TURN BACK SALARY MONEY

Omaha, Neb., May 20.—Rev. John Albert Williams, assistant secretary of the Protestant Episcopal church of the diocese of Nebraska, sprung a genuine surprise on the delegates, clerical and lay, Thursday afternoon, somewhat late in the session, when he read a letter from Bishop Worthington, in which, from June 1 next, the head of the diocese of Nebraska resigns all claim to salary as bishop, the stipend of \$800 a year heretofore being paid him being added to the salary of Bishop Coadjutor Williams. The bishop also informed the council that on or before his death all money received by him from the diocese since the appointment of the coadjutor would be returned to the Episcopal endowment fund.

The announcement took the bishop coadjutor completely by surprise and after he had succeeded in controlling his emotions he announced that he would endeavor to make some provision whereby the money should result in financial benefit to the diocese.

J FOR A G COST A COLLEGE MAN A JOB.

Lincoln, Neb., May 20.—A student at the state university, who has taken two years in the engineering department, wrote Chief Engineer Berry of the Rock Island for a position. In his communication he said that he had been studying "civil engineering" and wanted practical work.

A letter from Mr. Berry says: "We cannot give you the name of a job, but we can't even spell correctly the name of the business he is studying. A little practical work on the spelling of the word 'engineer' would be of more advantage to him than a summer outing with any of our surveying parties."

ACTRESS REFUSES TO WED ON THE STAGE

Albion, Neb., May 20.—Carrie Edna Graham and William Walter Russell, of Chicago, leading singers in the opera company presenting "The Wizard of Wall Street," were married here while the show company was passing through. They had planned that the ceremony should be performed during the performance, but the bride got stage fright and the ceremony was performed by the county judge. The young couple had been traveling together for some time in this company, and their acquaintance grew into a love match.

HOG HAS RABIES AND TURNS ON PURSUERS

Grand Island, Neb., May 18.—A hog, escaping from the men who were loading a shipment of the animals at the Burlington stock yards, was chased for some distance by a number of boys, and incidentally beaten with sticks and stones.

Finally it turned upon its pursuers, who quickly beat a retreat, but it continued chasing every human that came within its vision, and after giving several ladies and children a close call the maddened animal went into the barn of Gus Neumann.

In trying to chase the animal from this property Mrs. Neumann was about to be attacked, but the animal was stopped in time by a wire fence inclosure. It was permitted to stay in the barn for the night, and in the morning it was dead. A veterinarian pronounced the death as resulting from rabies and declared that a bite would have been infinitely worse than a mad dog bite.

MUST KEEP IN THE PURE SUNLIGHT WHEN TELLING FUNNY TALES

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—A flat has gone forth from the university authorities that shady stories, no matter how witty, must be omitted at all fraternity banquets hereafter, or there will be no fraternity banquets.

This is the season of the year, just previous to the end of schools, that the banquet habit that breaks out among the students and the flat is given out now so that nothing but witty stories with off color details will hereafter be permissible.

One of the instructors, who is quite an orator, is said to be one of the worst offenders in this respect, and the Y. M. C. A. element was responsible for the protest that fired the faculty to action. They insist that anybody who can't enjoy a joke unless it is vulgar in some respect does not belong to the better class of self-respecting students.

BUNDY TRIAL SLOW GETTING UNDER WAY

Tekamah, Neb., May 18.—A second special venire of twenty has been summoned after the first call of fifty extra jurors was exhausted, and still the panel is not complete for the trial of Bruce Bundy for murdering his neighbor, H. E. Austin, April 4, last. This is the third day of the examination of jurors, those called mostly professing to have fixed opinions regarding the case.

F. S. Howell, of Omaha, is assisting H. Wade Gillis, for the defense, and Ed. Smith, of Omaha, is with County Attorney Singhaus in the prosecution. Bruce Bundy, a single man, and H. E. Austin, who had a wife and daughter, lived in North Arizona for a number of years. Their houses were about 200 yards apart and Austin and Bundy were boon companions up until about a year ago when Austin accused Bundy of being too intimate with his wife. Relations were strained, and each warned the other to keep off his premises.

On the morning of April 4, Bundy was seen at Austin's by Austin, who was working in the field close to the house. Austin immediately came to the house, put his team in the barn and went over to see Bundy. Austin's hired man, Tom Gregg, and Frank Darling, who were at Austin's at the time, followed him over and were the only eye witnesses.

When they got there Austin had Bundy down and was pounding him. Bundy told them if they did not take him off he would hurt him. They proceeded to raise Austin up and as they did so Bundy shot him twice, both shots entering Austin's intestines.

He was taken home, walking part of the way, and medical aid was summoned. He died April 9.

LONG DELAYED PLUMS FALL IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Martin Dimery, of Seward, former senator, was given the appointment of private secretary to Governor Sheldon yesterday. A. B. Allen, private secretary, was appointed state oil inspector; Otto Zuelow, of Schuyler, was appointed deputy oil inspector for the third district to succeed E. C. Burns, and William H. Woodard, of Fairfield, deputy for the fifth district to succeed Deputy Johnson, of Minden. Mr. Allen succeeds Edward A. Church, who has held the position for four years. The new oil inspector served for four years private secretary to Governor Mickey and has been serving in the same capacity to Governor Sheldon since his election. Mr. Dimery served in the senate with Governor Sheldon in 1903, representing Seward and Butler counties. Otto Zuelow served in the house from Cofax county in 1905 and Wheeler was secretary of the senate in 1905.

NEBRASKA G. A. R. AND W. R. C. ARE AT FREMONT

Fremont, Neb., May 18.—The thirty-fifth annual encampment of the Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps was opened with a song and unusually interesting program at the First Congregational church in this city last evening. Sixty-two veterans and their wives and friends are guests of the local orders and not less than 2,000 are expected here by tonight.

Mayor Wolz delivered the address of welcome and speeches were made by Commander Maxon of Minden, and others prominently identified with the work of both orders. Musical numbers by local talent were pleasing features and the meeting was characterized by a spirit of congeniality and good fellowship.

Thomas A. Creighton, of Omaha, and Ell A. Barnes, of Grand Island, are regarded at this time as the most likely candidates for the office of department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and it is considered that Mrs. L. D. Stillson, of York, is leading among the aspirants to the office of department commander of the Women's Relief Corps.

The business sessions will be held to-day at the opera house and the program as arranged will conclude on Friday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT STATE OFFICERS

Omaha, Neb., May 18.—State officers of the Nebraska order of the Knights of Columbus were elected here as follows:

C. J. Smyth, of Omaha, state deputy; J. O'Donnell, of O'Neill, secretary; W. E. Schmidt, of Omaha, treasurer; T. J. Whalen, of Lincoln, advocate; and Arthur J. Mullen as alternate to T. J. Mahoney, delegate as past state deputy to the national convention.

The reports of State Deputy Smyth of the division department showed the order in a most prosperous condition.

THOMPSON SAVES \$80,000 BY HIGH COURT DECISION

Directors of Banks to Be Liable to Depositors Must Have Guilty Knowledge.

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—D. E. Thompson, United States minister to Mexico, is \$80,000 to the good by reason of a federal supreme court decision yesterday which held him not liable to depositors in the defunct Capital National bank. Thompson was one of the three directors who signed printed statements that the bank was in a certain excellent condition when the facts were that it was then really bankrupt.

The evidence was that Thompson and his fellow directors knew nothing of the truth or accuracy of the statements and simply took the word of the president and cashier, the former serving a term later for looting the bank. The federal court decision is that to hold a director liable for damages to depositors caused by their reliance upon the printed statements it must be shown that he had guilty and willful participation in the promulgation of the false statement.

BURGESS FOR FEDERAL BUILDING CUSTODIAN

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—H. C. M. Burgess, former chairman of the republican state committee, is to be the successor of Bud Lindsey as custodian of the federal building and collector of the port unless something unforeseen happens. It is understood Senator Burgess offered the job to Burgess several days ago, and the latter is expected to take it. The official announcement will probably be made soon. Numerous persons have been suggested for the place and it had been offered to one, and, possibly, two men, but they did not accept it. Burgess was chairman of the committee when Governor Mickey made his second run for governor.

CHARGED THAT GOVERNOR WAS "IN" WITH RAILROADS

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—The curious claim was put forward at yesterday's conference of the railroad officials with the state board of commissioners that the present grain rates reflect an understanding entered into by the railroads and the then governor of Nebraska, John M. Thayer, back in 1889. The claim was made by Traffic Manager Munroe of the Union Pacific, who says that in those days corn was worth but 10 cents on local markets, and tariffs were cut so that farmers might get enough out of their crops to live on. The railroads are much disturbed over the fact that the Aldrich maximum rate law, reducing all present tariffs on grain and grain products, live stock, coal, lumber and building material, potatoes and fruit, 15 per cent. will go into effect in July. Some fifteen attorneys and traffic men have been here for two days trying to get the commission to make some order, before the new law is effective. They are pleading to be allowed to work out the problems among themselves, insisting that to reduce rates would not only cripple revenues, but disturb interstate rates and lead to trouble in other states. They insist that rates are now as low as they should be.

BURKE WANTS ONLY TO SEE HIS MOTHER, THEN GO TO GALLOWES

Omaha, Neb., May 17.—Murderer Fred Burke, who killed Farmer W. F. Copple and wife near Rosalie, Neb., and who was brought here last night for safe keeping, said today he would plead guilty when the time came.

Burke was brought here by Sheriff Bauman of Dodge county and Sheriff Young of Thurston county. He was in irons. On the way to Omaha he freely confessed his crime to the officers, but would give no reason for committing the atrocities. He said:

"I fully realize the enormity of what I have done, and I know I ought to be burned at the stake, and that probably what I would get if I should be taken back to Pender. The only request I have to make is to be allowed to live long enough to see my poor mother, who resides in Denver. Then I am willing to take my medicine."

GIRL BRIDE OF OLD MILLIONAIRE MUST NOT GO ON STAGE

Eccentric Groom of 60 Searches for State That Has Marriage Laws to Suit.

Columbus, May 17.—John Bryan, a eccentric 60-year old millionaire farmer, author, and manufacturer, of Yellowsprings, near Xenia, is here today examining books in the state law library for a marriage law in some state that suits him. When he finds it he says he will journey to that state and wed pretty Miss Frederica Murphy, a Cincinnati girl of 29, whom he educated.

"It is the state that has the best statutes on this subject," he said, "that will get us. I assure you that it will be neither Kentucky, Ohio or South Dakota."

"The marriage contract provides that my wife shall not go on the stage nor write novels until after twenty years of married life. We only want \$1,000,000 and will give away the remainder of my estate of \$3,000,000."

MINE FIRE BURNS FOR TWENTY YEARS

Columbus, May 17.—State Mine Inspector George Harrison has asked the attorney general's office what, if any, aid the state could give in putting out a mine fire that has been burning in Perry county for over twenty years.

The fire originated during the miners' strike of 1885. At the outcropping of the vein the flames now light up the sky at night.