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FIND SIMMONS GUILTY

Jury In District Court Brings In Same Verdict As At First Trial.

DEFENDANT ASKS FOR NEW TRIAL

Court Adjourns Until January 20 and Jury Excused Until That Date.—No Important Criminal Cases This Term.

With the verdict of guilty in the Simmons assault and battery case last Friday district court adjourned until January 20, the jury being excused until that date. There are few if any cases of consequence this term of court, though the judicial machinery was busy up to the time of adjournment with two minor state cases, that of the state against Floyd Compton, the trial of which lasted four days and resulted in the acquittal of the accused, and the state against Sheridan Simmons, late fusion candidate for county judge, for an assault on L. G. Gillespie the evening of November 7. The verdict of the jury in this case was the same as in county court, the defendant standing convicted of the charge. Considerable costs have piled up in the trial of this case in two courts, the fine and costs amounting to about \$30 in county court and will be more than double that in the higher court.

The defendant's attorney, however, has filed a motion for a new trial and alleges as a basis for such that "the verdict is contrary to law, the verdict is not sustained by sufficient evidence, the verdict is contrary to the evidence, the verdict is contrary to the instructions of the court, errors of law occurring during the trial and duly excepted to by defendant, the court erred in giving the second, fourth, fifth and sixth instructions on its own motion, and irregularities of the proceedings of the court in this that no information was filed in this case by the county attorney."

The application for a new trial has not been passed upon by the court, but will probably be taken up after the holiday recess. The politics in the case make it of some interest locally and, too, because it is about the first arrest for an "after election" assault although similar incidents happen about every two years. Both complaining witness and defendant are democrats, though the latter opposed the election of Simmons last fall, and two juries have sustained the contention of the prosecution that the assault was occasioned by the complaining witness failing to vote for the fusion candidate for county judge, rather than what was said the night of November 7.

ITEMS FROM ROUTE ONE.

We learn that Will Stearns' 14-year-old daughter died Monday of pneumonia and that now his little son is down with the same disease.

Ed Harding, having lost twelve calves from blackleg, has now vaccinated his herd, and remarks that it is customary to lock the barn door after the horse is stolen.

Henry Twyford expects next spring to return to Cuming county, where he will make his home. Mr. and Mrs. Twyford have made many friends here who will regret to have them leave.

J. A. Robertson has shipped in three cars of shelled corn and sold it to his neighbors in the "halled district," not as a speculative move, but to supply them at as near cost as possible. Anyone of a doubtful mind might see if they can beat the price.

The Frontier has already published an account of the marriage of Otto Clevisch to Miss Nettie Hubby, also J. Oswald to Miss Katy Erb, so all that's left for your correspondent to say is that they received callers and entertained without delay. At a distance, the noise of the merry makers resembled the target practice of a fleet of iron clads, while ever and anon could be heard the romantic tinkling of cowbells.

The sympathy of this community goes out to the homes which have been made desolate by sudden and tragic deaths. The hand of the grim reaper has been laid heavily upon us at this otherwise season of good cheer. The sudden death of F. M. Johnson last Friday removes an old land mark from the community, where he had resided for twenty-six years and never made an enemy. The tragic and awful calamity that befell the family of D. U. Yantzi on Sunday evening excites the deepest sympathy. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Stearns has also been bereft of a loved one, as mentioned in another paragraph. The many friends of the bereaved ones are moved with the deepest sympathy.

For Sale—400 bushel of seed oats.—W. A. O'Malley, O'Neill, Nebr. 26-2

Judge Takes Morning Walk.

Judge Malone is thinking some of entering in the championship walking contest. He took a Christmas morning trip on foot that he had planned the night before to make in the cushioned seat of a railway coach and did it so easy he may save railroad fare in the future. In order to awake in time to catch the early morning east bound passenger on the Northwestern he bought a new alarm clock the night before and set the alarm at 3:30. He intended going to Inman to attend the wedding of his brother-in-law and had to be there at 10 o'clock. The alarm got him out of bed at the hour indicated and he arrived at the depot a little before four, the hour he supposed the train went through here. Four o'clock came and went and no train. The judge paced up and down the waiting room expecting the train to arrive every minute. Finally he remarked to the operator that the train must be late.

"What train?" asked the operator. "Why, this early morning train." "Oh, that train has gone an hour ago—it goes at 3:07 instead of at four o'clock."

"Well, ————" The judge went out into the cold dark morning and thought a minute. Then he hit the pike for Inman and arrived there in time to attend the wedding.

ANOTHER OCTUPUS?

Bond Companies Raise Rates of Surety Bonds and Supervisors Wonder if Trust Has Been Formed.

Have the surety bond companies gone into a trust for the purpose of raising rates on bonds furnished county officers? Members of the board of supervisors think it looks that way since negotiations were started for the bond of Treasurer Harnish. The bond companies want \$117 more now for a two-year bond of \$100,000 than a bond of \$150,000 has cost heretofore. Therefore it looks like a holdup to the supervisors.

The county has been paying for the treasurer's bond since the beginning of Dan Cronin's first term. The amount of the bond formerly was \$100,000 and this was raised by the supervisors during Cronin's administration to \$150,000. The bonds of the two last treasurers were furnished for \$333 for a two-year term. This year the supervisors decided to lower the amount of the bond furnished by the treasurer to \$100,000, and now the bond companies want \$117 more for a bond \$50,000 less. They ask \$450 for a two-year bond of \$100,000. The supervisors are inclined to think that a combination has been entered into by the surety bond companies and some of them express themselves as favoring a personal bond if they are to be held up by an octopus in this manner.

The Markets

South Omaha, December 26—Special market letter from Nye Schneider Fowler Co.

The market opens this week with light receipts and a consequent advance in prices. There has been a surplus of the warmed up and commoner kinds of cattle as holders have seemed very anxious to get rid of them for one reason or other. We think the crowding of this class of cattle on the market will be pretty well over by January 1. Stocker and feeder business is more brisk this week.

We quote: Choice dry lot beef, corn fed \$5 10@5 60 Fair to good..... 4 50@5 00 Others down to..... @3 50 Choice range beef..... 3 75@4 00 Choice cows..... 3 75@4 00 Fair to good..... 2 75@3 60 Canners & cutters..... 1 40@2 50 Veal calves..... 4 00@5 50 Bulls, stags, etc..... 1 75@3 75 Choice stockers and feeders..... 3 85@4 35 Fair to good..... 3 30@3 75 Common, down to..... @2 40 Stock heifers..... 1 85@2 50

Hogs seem to be fluctuating between near \$4 and \$4.75. They were about bottom last Friday and are now on the advance again. Bulk \$4.35 to \$4.50

Sheep are also looking up and the week opens 10 to 15 cents higher.

Ira Willey, a young man formerly of this county, against whom a charge of seduction has been made by the county attorney on complaint of Florence May Hess, a girl under 16 years of age living east of Page near the Knox county line, has been apprehended in a desolate section of country 150 miles north of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and he will be brought here to answer the charge as soon as requisition papers are obtained. The offense is alleged to have occurred on March 22 last on promise of marriage. The young man left the country and was located at Belle Fourche, or near there, a short time ago, his arrest following. County Attorney E. H. Whelan leaves for Lincoln Friday to secure requisition papers from Governor Sheldon.

DIES SUDDENLY

F. M. Johnson, Stage Driver on Phoenix Route, Struggles With Frightened Horses and Drops Dead.

Francis Marion Johnson, who has been driving the Phoenix stage the past two years, died suddenly at the home of his son, Clyde, near Ray Friday last.

Mr. Johnson was en route with the mail and stopped at his son's home a few minutes. He tied his team and went in the house for a short time. When he started to leave his horses became frightened and started to run but did not get away from him. He was just going to step in the buggy when the horses started, but he succeeded in bringing them to a standstill after a few circles around the yard. His son came to his aid and took the horses by the bridle.

"I got them stopped," remarked his father just as Clyde took hold of the bridles. He was standing between the wheels and the bed of the wagon and turned his body partially around as he spoke. Just as he spoke he fell to the ground. Clyde turned the horses sufficient to cramp the buggy to get his father away from the wheels and went at once to see what was the matter. He was then dying and made a few gasps for breath before expiring.

Coroner Flynn went out from O'Neill to view the remains and states that death was due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Johnson was sixty-eight years of age, being born in Peoria county, Illinois, May 3, 1839. He had long been a resident of this county. The family is well known in the Ray neighborhood, where three of his sons live. The funeral was held Monday, the remains being interred in the Stearns cemetery.

BOARD ADJOURNS

Last Meeting of Supervisors in 1907 Closes the Day Before Christmas. Will Meet Again January 6.

The last session of the board of supervisors for this year was adjourned Tuesday, the business for the year not being quite all finished up but adjournment was taken so the members of the board could go home to spend Christmas.

The board had been in session since December 16 approving bonds, attending to road matters, allowing claims and attending to various other things. Claims to the amount of about \$15,000 were allowed and warrants ordered drawn to pay the same.

January 6 was the date set for the next meeting when the business left over from the December meeting will be cleaned up.

Methodist Church Items.

Class meeting Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Mrs. O. O. Snyder leader. We should be glad to see a large attendance. At 10:30 the pastor will preach, taking for his theme, "The Universal Reign of Christ." The evening topic will be, "Finished." Sunday school at the close of the morning service. The lesson will be a review of the lessons for the quarter, and will be interesting and instructive. The Junior League will meet as usual at 9 o'clock Sunday afternoon. We trust that the Juniors will all be on hand promptly. Epworth League service at 6:30 Sunday evening. Let the young people all come out and make this an interesting and helpful service.

We are planning for a watch meeting next Tuesday evening, to begin at 8:30. There will be a varied and interesting program, and all our friends are invited to participate.

Prayer meeting as usual on Thursday evening at 7:30. To this, as to all services of our church, we cordially invite everybody.

T. S. Watson, Pastor.

MINOR MENTION

William Laviolette, jr., arrived home from St. Paul last Saturday evening to spend the holidays with his parents.

Start the New Year right by paying your subscription to your local paper.

"Dennie" Spitzer came up from Ewing this afternoon for a few days visit with friends. He is now located at Aberdeen, S. D., running a meat market, and says he is prospering.

Discount sales are a thing of the past. Go where you can get shoes and clothing at wholesale prices, which means what the goods cost at the factory. That is the price we charge you for goods.—Sullivan & Co. 25-3

John Coffey and daughter, Mrs. T. McPharlin, and sons, C. J. and Dan of Spencer, returned from Clinton, Iowa, last Sunday night where they attended the funeral of P. J. Coffey, who was killed by being struck on the head by the superstructure of a bridge while standing on the running board of his engine, a week ago Wednesday.

HAPPILY WEDDED

Deputy County Treasurer Hancock Celebrates Christmas by Taking A Bride.

At 10 o'clock Christmas morning at the Methodist church in Inman occurred the nuptials of Mr. Claud Phillip Hancock of O'Neill and Miss Stella Florence Smith of Inman.

Rev. B. F. Murten of Boone, Neb., who was united in marriage a week previous to an Inman young lady of the same name as Mr. Hancock's bride, was the officiating clergyman. The ceremony was simple and unostentatious. It was attended by many friends of the bride and groom at Inman and vicinity, the only guests from other places being Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harnish of O'Neill and the groom's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Malone, also of O'Neill.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party went to the railway station, where, amid the cheers and good wishes of a host of friends, the young couple boarded the 11 o'clock east bound train for a brief honeymoon trip to the eastern part of the state. They expect to return to Inman Saturday and in the evening will be given a reception at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock.

The groom is a bright and capable young man of exemplary habits. He has held the position of deputy county treasurer the past year and makes an efficient and reliable official. His bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Smith, old settlers at Inman. They will come to O'Neill to make their home after the honeymoon.

LOCAL MATTERS.

B. A. Powell was in from Minneola today.

Elijah Babcock was up from Inman Tuesday.

Bob Gallagher of Page was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. J. N. Sturdevant is visiting at the home of her parents here.

A. E. McKee and wife spent the Christmas season at Lincoln.

Edward Earley is driving the Phoenix stage since the death of Mr. Johnson.

Jim McPharlin came in from the ranch Monday to spend Christmas with his family.

Miss Dorothy Davidson is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Adams, formerly of O'Neill, at Lincoln.

Dr. Corbett dentist in O'Neill December 23, 24 and January 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 26-

John Braddock of Page was a pleasant caller last Friday and advanced his subscription to The Frontier another year.

Miss Mabel Graham of Omaha arrived in the city this afternoon and will be the guest of Miss May Hunt until after the holidays.

Mrs. W. C. Fawkes departed Monday for her home at Minneapolis, after a week's visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. G. Gillespie.

C. E. Howe returned Saturday from a visit to his sons in Custer county, whither he went after a week's service on the federal grand jury at Omaha.

P. E. Keenan, one of Shields town's ship's prosperous farmers, was a caller last week and advanced his subscription to this popular household necessity.

"Casey" Chase returned Monday evening from Genoa, Nebr., where he had been visiting his parents the past six weeks. He expects to make O'Neill his future home.

PERSONAL—I have important news for Alvin B. Quimby from Vermont. Reward for his address.—A. W. Woodard, 1822 H. Street Lincoln, Nebr. 24-3

Miss Mabel Snyder returned from Lincoln, where she has been attending the State University, Friday evening to spend the holidays with her parents in this city.

For Sale—About six dozen full blood Plymouth Rock chickens; \$4 and \$5 a dozen, rooster thrown in.—L. P. Jensen, Disney post office. At Addison place 3 miles west of Minneola. 25-3p

Tom Coyne arrived in the city Tuesday evening from Seattle, Wash., where he has been the past two years. He will remain for two or three weeks. Tom says it's worth two month's pay to get back among old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas left for Corning, Iowa, this morning to be present at the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. Thomas' parents which will be celebrated on December 30. Before returning home J. J. will spend two or three weeks at Excelsior Springs, Mo., in an endeavor to get rid of an attack of rheumatism from which he has suffered the past two months.

The public schools, which closed last Friday for the holiday vacation, re-open on January 6.

Notice—All accounts not settled by January 15, 1908, for blacksmithing at Emmet, Nebr., will be given to a lawyer for collection.—G. E. Bowen, O'Neill, Nebr. 27-2p

George Brown, John Ridner and William Allpress, all of Keya Paha county, are in the city on a land contest case involving a 40-acre tract in Keya Paha county.

Estray—Taken up at my place December 13, two hogs, red with white spots. Owner can have same by paying for keep and this notice.—J. Q. Howard. 26-2p

W. L. Gielish has leased the Horis key meat market that has been closed since last spring and opened for business Tuesday. W. L. is a good butcher and finds the business more attractive than farming.

Go to Bazelman Lumber company for the celebrated Lincoln nut and lump coal at \$8 per ton and Kemmer nut coal at \$9 per ton; West Virginia Splint coal at \$8.50 per ton, the best. Illinois coal at \$7 down to \$6.50 per ton. 25-4

Christmas was pretty generally observed in O'Neill by the closing of business houses and most of our citizens spent the day around their firesides. Though mail trains came and went as usual there was not the usual crowd about the post office for the afternoon mail.

Neligh Leader: John M. McAllister went up to O'Neill the first of the week to adjust a loss for the Liverpool London and Globe Insurance company, which company he represents, on Attorney R. R. Dickson's household goods which came near being totally destroyed by fire.

Miss Maggie O'Neill of Council Bluffs is spending a fortnight with her parents in the city, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill, and other relatives. Miss O'Neill says it seems good to meet and visit with her old friends and acquaintances again after an absence from here of several years. Miss O'Neill is following the profession of nurse in Council Bluffs and is doing well.

Two couples waited until after Christmas to be married. Judge Malone issued two licenses today, performing the marriage ceremony for one couple. They were: Hugo A. Schrader to Miss Lillie Dunn, both of Atkinson. Carey E. Grant and Miss Cora B. Estes, both of Stuart, were granted license.

Mrs. John Walmer, who had been at the home of her mother here the past three weeks and was taking medical treatment, returned to the ranch in the southern part of the county the fore part of the week. Mr. Walmer tells us his wife will probably have to be taken to a hospital for an operation, but she prefers to forego the same until after New Year's.

Butte Gazette: O. V. Kenaston is authority for the statement that a railroad survey has recently been made from Huron to Platte, S. D., to cross the Missouri near his place. It is said to be one of Jim Hill's projects and is headed for O'Neill, Nebr., to connect with the Great Northern at that place. If this road should materialize it will mean much to Boyd county.

W. F. Grothe of Emmett, one of the enthusiastic republicans and a prosperous farmer of that township, was a pleasant caller Saturday. On account of the extremely wet spring Mr. Grothe did not raise much of a crop the past season but he is preparing to put in a greater acreage than ever next year in order to make up for the loss of the last crop.

A. B. Newell sends The Frontier a handsome book of views and statistical matter from Seattle, Wash. It is an admirable compilation of interesting pictures and valuable information, and is the printed evidence of a resourceful community pushed to the front by the indomitable hustle of Seattle people. Mr. Newell was formerly in the real estate business in O'Neill and is making "things go some" in the same line in Washington.

John Hunt left this morning for his old home at Winona, Minn., to be present at a family gathering which will be held in that city on New Year's day. He has two sisters and a brother living and they will gather at the home of the sister living in Winona, Mrs. Thomas Burke. Those who will be present are: John Hunt of this city, Dennis Hunt of Kearney, and Mrs. John Lappan of Edmington, Pa. It has been twenty-eight years since Mr. Hunt left Winona and has never been back since and he anticipates a pleasant visit among the scenes of his youth. He expects to remain there a couple of weeks and will spend a week in Omaha with his son, R. J., upon his return.

DEATH IN AN EXPLOSION

Four-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Yantzi Meets Sad End.

LAMP EXPLODES AND SETS FIRE

Father Badly Burned In Trying to Save Lives of the Children.—Neighbor Saves the House From Destruction.

A lamp explosion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. U. Yantzi, twelve miles north of O'Neill, resulted in one of the most pitiful and tragic deaths Sunday night this paper has been called upon to chronicle for some time. Their little four-year-old daughter was burned almost to a crisp and after a struggle of a few brief hours in that condition life's fitful and childish dream was over.

The accident that snuffed out the life of the little one happened about six o'clock in the evening. Mr. Yantzi was entertaining their three children in the house while Mrs. Yantzi was caring for the milk outside. The two youngest, a babe and another a little older, were on his lap and the four-year-old girl was playing and romping about the room. A large lighted lamp that had been filled that day was setting on a high piece of furniture in the room. It had been lighted but a few moments when the explosion occurred. The little girl was right in front of the lamp as it exploded and caught the full force of the explosion. She was instantly asfame with burning oil, while flames filled the room.

Mr. Yantzi, clinging to the two children on his lap, grabbed the burning girl in one arm and got out of the house as fast as possible. His wife came running to the house and took the two smallest children while Mr. Yantzi ran to the water tank with the little girl and immersed her in the tank to extinguish the fire.

Thinking there was no chance to save their home, Mr. Yantzi went to the barn to find something to wrap about his little daughter, whose clothing had been burned nearly off and her skin and flesh charred in places almost to the bone. He could find nothing but a canvas sack which he wrapped about her and they started at once for the home of Conrad Wettlauffer, Mrs. Yantzi's father, a distance of about a mile and a half.

Richard Koch, a neighbor living a half mile away, saw the blaze and hurried to the Yantzi home where he arrived in time to extinguish the fire and save the house. Their bedding and clothing was ruined in the room in which the explosion occurred but the damage to the house is reported slight.

When Mr. and Mrs. Yantzi arrived at Wettlauffer's with their children the seriousness of the calamity was revealed. The hair was entirely burned from the head of the little girl, her ears were burned to a crisp, her face a mass of cooked flesh, and even the little one's tongue shriveled by the intense heat she had gone through. Mr. Yantzi's hands, arms and face were frightfully burned, pieces of cooked flesh falling from his hands and exposing the bones. The baby was burned on the hands and face, but not seriously, while the other child and Mrs. Yantzi were uninjured.

Dr. Wilson was summoned from O'Neill by telephone and hastened to the Wettlauffer home. The little girl was past any human assistance and died about 12 o'clock that night. Mr. Yantzi's hands were found to be in a serious condition, though the doctor believes it will not be necessary to amputate them. It was a pitiful scene as the little one lay with flesh cooked nearly through to the vitals and yet alive. The little girl apparently suffered no pain after the first exposure to the fire and did not appear to be conscious, though she kept up a continuous articulation which could not be understood by those about her and which was accompanied by no signs of suffering. The funeral was held Tuesday at the Mennonite church near the Yantzi home.

The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained and may not be. Mr. Yantzi was in town Saturday and got a jug of kerosene at a local grocery store and some of this kerosene was used to fill the lamp. The lamp may have been filled to the top, leaving no air space, which is conducive to an explosion, or there may have been a trace of some other explosive in the jug or oil, though gasoline was never kept about the Yantzi home. The jug of oil is being preserved for investigation with a view of ascertaining if possible the reason of the explosion.

See me for prices on best Illinois coal, also best patent flour \$2.50; straight grade \$2.15. Every sack warranted good.—Con Keys.