

## THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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ONEILL, NEBRASKA

The barrel cactus, or blana (echinocactus), contains a fine substitute for good water. To get at this juice, one must be armed with a stout knife, or an ax to decapitate the plant. Next a green stake is obtained from some shrub that is free from bitter substances, and with this or with the white ribs of the interior is pounded to a pulp and a cavity that would hold two gallons is formed. Squeezing the pulp between the hands into this cavity will give from three to six pints of a drinkable liquid that is far from unpleasant, and is generally preferred cooler than the beer. Scouting Indians have long used the blana to save carrying a heavy supply of water, and a drink may be obtained in this manner by a skilled operator in five or 10 minutes.

At a recent christening in a mining village in northeast Warwickshire, England, when a male child reached the font to be baptized the clergyman asked, "What is the name of the child?" "Beelzebub, sir," answered the mother. "What?" asked the astonished clergyman, thinking he had not caught the correct word. "Beelzebub, sir," repeated the woman. "My friends," said the astonished parson, "I cannot baptize a child in that name, upon it was given to the king of devils." The christening party retired to the vestry. There the parents informed the clergyman that they had followed an old custom in their family, and stuck a pin in the bible. The first name it passed through was the one chosen.

In the Australian parliament is a bill providing bounties to be paid iron manufacturers. The following are the bounties provided: For pig iron made from Australian ore, and pig iron made from iron and steel made from Australian pig iron, \$2.92 per ton; limit of bounty, January 1, 1913; total bounty to be paid, \$1,216,225. Galvanized iron, wire netting and wire, and iron and steel tubes and pipes, cast iron (of cast) not more than four inches internal diameter, 10 per cent on value; limit of bounty, January 1, 1911; total amount of bounty to be paid, \$243,325. Reapers and binders, for the first \$50, \$39 each; limit of bounty, July 1, 1909.

Some of the finest farming land in Asia Minor, situated along the Smyrna-Aidin railroad, is owned and operated by Americans. Until within recent years farming for the most part has been in the hands of large Turkish land owners, but of late Europeans, attracted by the climate, have purchased large tracts and commenced raising tobacco, cotton and cereals upon a scientific basis hitherto unknown in this part of the world. The foreigners who now own farms in this vicinity are chiefly English, Dutch, Germans and Greeks. The American farm owners are naturalized citizens, formerly of Greek nationality.

There is a cruel custom prevailing in many parts of the Telugu country, in India, in connection with the worship of the village deity. At the end of a sacrifice a small cart, with four, five or nine pointed stakes standing upright at the corners and sides, is brought to the image. Pigs, lambs and fowls are then impaled alive upon these stakes. The cart is dragged in a procession to the boundary of the village. The animals die in agony on the way, and are taken on the stakes when the cart reaches its destination.

In a close-woven rug, like a Kirman, measuring a mere five feet by eight feet, there are 400 knots to the square inch. As the weaver's speed is about three knots a minute, four years of continuous labor would be required on such a rug. Within that time some fingers would stop weaving forever; others would go on with it. Was it any wonder the Rug Hunter asked me, that no two old rugs, even from the same village and the same household, were ever just alike?

When McCormick built his first 100 reapers in 1845, he paid 4 1/2 cents for bolts. That was in the mythical age of hand labor. Today 50 bolts are made for a cent. So with guard-fingers; McCormick paid 24 cents each; now they are made for a cent. James K. Polk was in the White House. Now there is a ferocious machine, which with the least possible assistance from one man cuts out 1,300 guard-fingers in ten hours, at a labor cost of 1 cent for six.

Officers of the United States signal corps of the army are much interested in the work of Peter Cooper Hewitt, of New York, the electrician, who is building a large dirigible balloon which, when completed, is expected to have a speed of 60 miles an hour. He is building the machine at his own expense, and when completed it will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Miss Mary Woodman, of Woburn, Mass., was instructor to the late King Carlos, of Portugal, in English history and the painting of the face. She has a number of mementoes given her by the family and when she left Portugal she was promised a title of nobility should she ever return.

What will be the largest women's meeting ever held will take place in the Albert hall, London, in March, organized by the National Women's Social and Political union. Women will be brought to London in special trains from all parts of the kingdom.

Of strictly military schools there are 175 throughout the land. Nearly every state has at least one. New York has 33; New Jersey, nine; Pennsylvania, 21; North Carolina, seven; Texas, nine; Wisconsin, four; California, nine, and Illinois, five.

The Dundee town council, at a recent meeting, caused a proposal for a committee to draw up a scheme bearing upon the municipalization of the milk supply of the city, but it was defeated by a vote of 23 to 3.

John Copping, who claims to be the oldest police superintendent in England, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Huntingdonshire justices, after an active and meritorious service of 55 years.

Everything which enters the city of Paris is taxed. All of the market women bringing in fruit and the truck gardeners bringing in their loads of vegetables have to pay the city tax.

Mrs. Sophia Croto, 105, lives in old Quebec. Her voice and appetite are good, but otherwise her faculties have failed. She says she daily prays to "le bon Dieu" to take her.

Since Japan recovered from Russia a part of the island Saghalien, 8,000 new hostels have been introduced, and about 26,000 immigrants have arrived from Japan.

The cry of a wounded hare resembles that of a child in distress.

Argentina has a 54-mile horse railway. It is the largest in the world.

## STATE TO APPEAL PACKERS' DECISION TO SUPREME COURT

Nebraska Food Commissioner Not Satisfied With Judge Cornish's Opinion.

Lincoln, Neb., March 1.—Food Commissioner Johnson is not satisfied with the decision of Judge Cornish in holding that packers need not brand meat with net weight, but will appeal at once to the supreme court. Mr. Johnson says that a misconception of the scope of the decision exists, due to a misinterpretation by the reporters of what the court held. The court held that the packers were not of uniform size and did not purport to contain a certain amount, but were sold by the pound, the police power of the state could not be invoked by a regulation which served no useful purpose. The testimony showed that smoked meats shrink after wrapping, and the court held that to stamp the net weight, when the retailer paid only for the actual number of pounds contained, would permit the consumer to be swindled by a dishonest retailer desiring to sell the packages as containing what the stamp purported as the weight. The court stated that inasmuch as it had not been shown that the public morals, health or safety were injured by omission of the weight stamp, the regulation could not be enforced.

**Packers Made \$90,000.**  
The decision goes no further than that, however. It does not cover anything more than wrapped meats. In a decision handed down yesterday Judge Cornish held that where packages, such as butter, were of uniform size and purport to contain a certain amount, that weight or volume must be stated on the wrapper. This was on the theory that as butter packages are commonly supposed to contain a pound and are sold as being of pound weight, the package must be branded to avoid fraud on the purchaser.

The interesting fact was brought out in testimony in the packers' case that they make about \$90,000 a year by the selling of the wrappers on smoked meats at the same rate per pound as they charge for the contents of the package, in Nebraska alone. They sell wrapped meat almost entirely because the difference in rate of shrinkage between that and the unwrapped article, in the average period between manufacture and sale, pays for the cost of wrapping.

**TOOK THE TRUNK, BUT LEFT CONTENTS.**

Wayne, Neb., March 1.—Thieves broke into the barn at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Jones, broke into a trunk that was stored there, dumped everything out of it, and carried the trunk away with them.

## BOG'S BONE GRAFTED IN ARM OF A BOY

Waukegan, Ill., March 3.—Verona Wolfe, 14 years old, has been suffering from a diseased bone in his forearm, and after a consultation of physicians it was determined to remove the bone. As the member would be useless without the larger bone, the physician concluded to substitute the shrinkage between that and the unwrapped article, in the average period between manufacture and sale, pays for the cost of wrapping.

While the bone was being taken from the arm of the lad, a big St. Bernard dog was chloroformed in an adjoining room, the bone of his foreleg taken out and placed in the arm of the boy. The doctors say that the operation was a very successful, and the boy will have perfect use of the member as soon as the wound heals.

## MOODY SHAVES, COURT DIVIDED

Washington, March 3.—Justice William Henry Moody, of the United States supreme court, has followed the precedent and practice by removing the moustache which has adorned his upper lip for the greater part of his life. Up to a few years ago there existed a strong current of feeling in supreme court circles that a smooth face comported more with judicial dignity than a moustache or beard.

## MONOGRAM WAISTCOAT IS THE LATEST FAD

Chicago, March 1.—The monogram waistcoat has arrived, introduced by Harry Avery, a board of trade operator. Its design resembles a plaid of a new suburb. Its color is a cross between a London fog and slightly soiled mortar.

The buttons are miniature photographs of a woman, who is represented to be the most beautiful in Brazil, South America. The monogram, done in a fancy scroll of black tape, is about two inches above the lower left pocket, in order to exhibit the initials it is necessary to keep the left hand in the trousers pocket.

## FOWLER BILL IS REPORTED TO THE HOUSE

Washington, March 1.—The Fowler amendment bill, agreed upon yesterday in committee, today was reported to the house. Ten days were allowed for its passage in which to file their report.

## THIEVES MURDER A STEAMSHIP CAPTAIN

New Orleans, March 3.—Captain Frank Kemble, New York master of the southern passenger steamer Antilles, was murdered here early today on the water front. The police attribute the crime to thieves.

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New York, Feb. 23.—The condition of Thos. A. Edison is reported somewhat improved today. He passed a comfortable night.

## CHARGE EXTRA FOR THE PREFIX "DR." IN TELEPHONE BOOK

Nebraska Physician Claims It Is Discrimination and Files a Complaint.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—It is worth \$2 a month to have the word "doctor" used in connection with a name in the Nebraska telephone directory? F. B. Hollenbeck explained to the railway commission that the telephone corporation exacts this extra charge from him and he declares that it is unjust discrimination. He wants the commission to refer the matter to the attorney general, Dr. Hollenbeck is an employe of the Burlington road. He says that the Burlington Telephone company requires him to pay \$4 a month for an individual line phone in his residence. He states that the company explained to him that it charges \$2 extra for the prefix "doctor" which he ordered before his name.

## OPTICIANS WANT NEW NAME

The Nebraska society of opticians has let it be known that it members do not want to have the prefix "doctor" before their names. They seek the title of "optometrist." The organization, which is but two years old, has 240 members. It has succeeded in securing the passage of a law creating a board which passes on the qualifications of budding opticians. The society declares strenuously that none of its members shall buy trust made goods.

## BOCHE'S SECOND TRAIL BEGINS AT MADISON

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 23.—The jury that will decide the fate of Herman Boche, charged with the murder of Frank Jarmer last May, has been secured and the trial is now on at Madison. This is Boche's second trial for murder. Eighteen years ago he killed George Ives, of Tilden, by crushing his skull with a hatchet, but was acquitted on the grounds of self defense.

## SERIES OF TRAGEDIES

The life of the Boche family has been a tragic one. William Boche, sr., father of Herman, who died about a year ago had no faith in banks and on his deathbed made an unsuccessful attempt to tell where he had buried some money. It was never found. Mrs. Boche, sr., died 12 years ago as the result of having swallowed a fish bone. She had about the same opinion of doctors that her husband had of banks and refused to have one called, whose presence would have undoubtedly saved her life. Their son, William, jr., was accidentally drowned in the Elkhorn about 10 years ago, and their other son, Herman, is now on trial the second time for murder.

## NEBRASKA CITIES COMPLAIN ABOUT FREIGHT SERVICE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—In response to complaints of commercial organizations from a dozen or more interior Nebraska cities, the state railway commission today ordered the Union Pacific railroad officials to appear March 4 and show cause why daily freight service on branch lines should not be restored.

## FORCED HIM TO DRINK GASOLINE FOR COFFEE, SAYS WINSIDE LUNATIC

Winside, Neb., Feb. 23.—Alleging that the people at the place where he worked steeped matches in gasoline and made him drink it in the place of coffee and that he was all burned up inside, a crazy man, clad only in underwear, applied for admittance at the home of C. Long, a farmer, late last night.

Long planned to Winside for an officer and then let the fellow in and guarded him with a gun until the officer arrived. This morning it was learned that his name is Adolph Tiemann and that he has been employed in the farm of L. Sonneberg, who lives four miles from Long's. He apparently has gone hopelessly insane.

## ACCUSED LANDLORD OF RUNNING "BAD HOUSE," HE SUES FOR \$20,000

Orchard, Neb., Feb. 23.—Suits has commenced in the district court of Antelope county by C. J. Dupree against S. D. Thornton, Nels Lindquist, O. J. Golder, and J. W. Fletcher. Thornton and Z. T. Hicks demanding damages to the amount of \$20,000. They are all residents of this village.

The plaintiff alleges that he has been engaged in conducting a hotel in Orchard, and that the defendants published and caused to be believed that the plaintiff was conducting a "bad house," and in writing charged him with the same and notified him to leave town within 10 days.

## EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL OF LAFOLLETTE'S BEFORE COMMITTEE

Washington, Feb. 23.—The LaFollette-Sterling employers' liability bill was the subject of a hearing before the Senate committee on education and labor today. Former Senator Charles J. Faulkner opposed many provisions of the measure, but the committee would not support the liability law for common carriers except in cases involving hazardous employment. Any attempt to bring under a liability act employes of common carriers for injuries in work not involving liability under other classes of employment, he declared, would be set aside by the courts as unconstitutional.

## PACKING COMPANY WINS IN NEBRASKA CASE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—Judge Cornish in the district court Saturday instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state against Swift & Co.

The packing company had been charged with failing to brand the net on the packages of hams and bacon. Judge Cornish declared that the police power of the state could not be extended to the labeling of provisions and he declared the net branding clause of the state pure food law unconstitutional.

## WAGES AT "PEN" MAY BE RAISED TO \$1 PER DAY

Claimed That Contractor Has Too Much of Snap at Present Schedule.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—As a result of the pole line agitation, the price of contract labor at the state prison will probably be shined up instead of 50 cents a day to Lee Broom and Duster Company probably will have to pay \$1. The contract expires in a short time. It is claimed that the last contract affords much of a snap to the contractor. A proper letting of the contract would make the prison self-supporting.

## VETERANS WHO DRAW \$12 PENSION BARRED FROM STATE HOME

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—The state board of public lands and buildings has announced its policy on admissions to the soldiers' and sailors' homes at Grand Island and Milford. It is that veterans of the war who receive over \$12 a month pension shall not be admitted. This policy will be pursued so long as there are enough applicants who get \$12 or less to keep the homes filled. The board this week refused admittance to two soldiers who made application. The board some months ago made a rule to take a certain per cent of the pension money of men drawing over \$12 a month. The case was tested in court and the state board beaten.

## QUARANTINE HOLDS BRIDE AND GROOM PRISONERS IN HOME

Carroll, Neb., Feb. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, who were only married a week, the most of the day of their honeymoon at the home of a relative near here. It was not their intention to do so, and they were angry about it, but it cannot be otherwise. They did not know that when they went to this relative's home that a snailpox had already got there and that a representative of the board of health would come along shortly quarantine the place and take up the usual sign on the front door. But that is exactly what happened and all the young couple can do until the dreaded disease runs its course.

## MAY OUST SALOONS AS RESULT OF REVIVAL

Thurston, Neb., Feb. 23.—The great success of a religious revival here may make this town "dry." Many who have heretofore signed the petitions for saloons have been converted and it is thought that there are not enough "sinners" left in the village to make it "wet."

## PRESIDENT SUSTAINED IN "FIRING" TROOPERS

Washington, Feb. 23.—That the shooting in the affray at Brownsville, Tex., on the night of August 13-14, 1906, was done by some of the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth United States infantry and that the testimony taken before the Senate committee on military affairs fails to identify the guilty parties is the opinion of eight members of the committee. Four members of the committee voted against this decision and one member did not vote. The resolution declaring the guilt of the negroes was submitted by Senator Lodge and passed after five resolutions by Senator Foraker, one by Senator Dupont and one by Senator Scott, all of which were offered as substitutes, had been voted down.

The vote was reached after a prolonged investigation extending over two sessions of congress and evidence had been taken covering thousands of pages. Practically every negro of the three companies of infantry dishonorably discharged by President Roosevelt testified in his own behalf, while evidence in support of the president was furnished by many army officers and citizens of Brownsville.

## WRECKER CONFESSES; WOULD FLAG TRAIN AND PLAY THE HERO ROLE

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 23.—Walter W. Cox, a wood chopper, whose home is at Franklin Junction, Mo., confessed to Missouri Pacific railway officials that he removed the rail from the track on the top of Otterville hill 15 miles east of here on Friday night last that resulted in the derailing of a freight train from St. Louis. Cox said he had intended to wreck the fast Missouri Pacific Kansas City-St. Louis passenger train No. 4, which was due at Otterville a few minutes after the freight train was wrecked. He said he committed the deed alone and had no accomplices. He is 35 years old and has a wife and child.

Cox says that he was inspired to wreck the train by reading a story in a Kansas City paper last summer of a man who fast covered a broken-down passenger train passenger train reached it. The man flagged the train, thus saving many from death. The grateful passengers immediately took up a collection for him, and a goodly sum was realized. Cox says he removed the rail and planned to flag the fast St. Louis-Kansas City passenger train, which was about due that time, in the hope of being rewarded by the passengers. The freight train came along before the passenger, however, and was wrecked.

## LEGISLATE AGAINST THE NIGHT RIDERS

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 23.—Governor Wilson has sent a long message to the legislature urging prompt legislation against the night riders and renewing many former recommendations.

## PUBLIC PRINTER WILL BE REMOVED

Washington, Feb. 23.—Charles A. Stillings will not be restored to duty as public printer. President Roosevelt has let this fact be known to friends who talked with him concerning the transfer of the government establishment. The report of W. S. Roosevelt will be made to the president this week, it is expected. He has communicated some of his findings to the president, that are said to substantiate the charges which resulted in the resignation of Mr. Stillings.

## FELL INTO WELL; SAVED BY A DOG

Nebraska Man Is Removed From Hidden Hole After Fifty-Two Hours.

Louisville, Neb., Feb. 27.—To the loyalty of a dog Byron McNeely today owes his life. After two hours imprisonment in an old well the young man was rescued. The antics of the dog, which led searchers to the place of the accident, alone intercepted death by starvation. McNeely was badly injured and very weak when brought to the surface. Barring complications, possible through contact with the bodies of dead rabbits which had preceded him into the well, he will recover.

McNeely, who is 23 years old, went rabbit hunting Friday when a short distance from town he fell into an old well, 90 feet deep, invisible because covered with brush and snow. When he recovered consciousness it was nearly night. At first he could not tell where he was. Then he recalled the fall. He called but knew his voice could not be heard farther than to the top of the well. He was too badly wounded to climb if that were even possible. A seven-inch gash in his leg was bleeding badly. About him and under him were the dead bodies of rabbits which had fallen as he did and lost their lives on the sharp poles at the bottom of the well. One of them had torn the gash in his leg.

All day Saturday he waited for the sound of a passing voice. Then he gave up to die, feeling that starvation surely was to be his end. Meanwhile the dog was active. Tracks in the snow disclosed that it had traveled round the well for many hours. Friday night the dog appeared at the home, but finding its master not there disappeared again. Several times Saturday it appeared and vanished. Mrs. McNeely became anxious. Friends entered a search party and little heed to the dog. Sunday morning the dog was followed straight to the well. There it looked down, as much as to indicate the presence of its master. Calls were given but no answer received. A mirror was reflected into the well and disclosed the weakened youth in a sitting posture. This time the calls were louder and a feeble response was received.

Several of the searchers sped to town for a windlass. Oscar Knutson, who was lowered into the well made the fastenings by which the injured man was raised. The dog joyfully watched the proceedings. The young man was badly bruised and cut and his eyes were blackened by the force of the fall.

## THURSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE FIGHT MAY GO TO COURTS

Pender, Neb., Feb. 27.—Citizens of Pender have secured a temporary injunction from Judge Graves restraining the board of county commissioners from making any contract for the use of the old Pender hotel building for courthouse purposes.

At their last meeting the board made a contract for the lease of the building for five years. It is alleged by those opposed to the lease that the board has no power to contract for more than one year. The owner of the building will take the matter into the courts if the board repudiates its former action and attempts to force it to carry out the contract. A battle in the courts seems sure.

## BELIEVE EDMISTEN HAS LEFT COUNTRY

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 27.—J. H. Edmisten, whose \$10,000 bond was forfeited in federal court, failed to show up this morning. It is stated that the matter has been turned over to the United States marshal, who will at once take steps to secure Edmisten's arrest. It is now believed he has left the country.

## JEALOUSY CAUSES TRAGEDY AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 27.—Wm. Jobson, of Council Bluffs, a Union Pacific fireman, last night shot and dangerously wounded Mrs. Lizzie Burns, of 808 North Forty-fifth ave., Omaha, and slightly wounded her brother, Jas. Donnelly.

The cause of the shooting is not definitely known, but seems to have been jealousy. Mrs. Burns was formerly employed as a nurse by Jobson.

## DEMAND PLACES FOR THE MARRIED

New York, Feb. 27.—In a letter signed "Black Hand" and addressed to Commodore Brewster in charge of the United States naval magazine at Ionia island, threats have been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island January 1, 1908, be put back to work. There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines.

Secret service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mailed at the Haverstraw postoffice two weeks ago. It was as follows:

If the married men that were discharged from Ionia island are not taken back at once all the magazines on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death. (Signed) "Black Hand."

On January 1 between 30 and 40 civilians who had been employed on the island were discharged, owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary, and it was understood the men would be taken back as soon as the money arrived. Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Italians and Sicilians.

Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guarded day and night by marines, it is said, and the civilians employed have been kept under the strictest surveillance. Ionia island is seven miles south of West Point.

## SEARCH FOR PENNY ST. PORTS \$10,000 FIRE IN NEBRASKA TOWN

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 27.—Miss Dietrich, a clerk of the Dr. Good store of Martin Brothers company, struck a match to look under the counter for a coin dropped by a patron. Some cotton batting under the counter caught fire and the flames spread rapidly. The total loss was close to \$10,000. It developed that the lost coin was a penny.

## SENSATION IN LAND FRAUD CASE

J. H. Edmisten, Under Indictment, Disappears---Forfeits \$10,000 Bond.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 26.—J. H. Edmisten, former chairman of the populist state committee and oil inspector under the last populist administration did not appear in federal court this morning to answer to three indictments against him in connection with land frauds. His bond of \$10,000 was declared forfeited. There were two bonds of \$5,000 each, signed by a brother in Lincoln.

**Gone to Mexico?**  
Neither of Edmisten's attorneys, W. S. Summers, of Omaha, and J. B. Strode, were present when the case was called. Several weeks ago the case was set for today, and the government has been looking for Edmisten for some time. United States marshal learned that he had disposed of his property valued at \$30,000, and had left for the South. By some it is stated he has gone to Mexico, but others say he is in the vicinity of North Platte, looking after his ranch interests.

There are three indictments against Edmisten. One is for conspiracy to defraud the government of title, another to perjury and subornation of perjury, and the third for forgery on applications made for title. On the latter named indictment Olin W. Hendee and Wm. R. Keefe are jointly indicted with Edmisten.

About 10,000 acres are involved in the transactions.

## WEALTHY FREMONT HORSEMAN DENIES HE IS MARRIED

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—Mark W. Coad, of Fremont, has filed an answer in the district court denying all the allegations made by Valeria Coad, who claims to be his wife. Coad is well known as a horseman and is said to be worth \$800,000. Mrs. Coad alleged non-support.

## FRANK GUILTY OF KILLING YOUNG WIFE

Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 26.—After being out 40 hours and taking 68 ballots, the jury in the Frank murder trial Saturday night brought in a verdict of manslaughter. Ernest Frank, a wealthy farmer was indicted two months ago, charged with killing his young wife. The crime was committed last April, but it was thought at the time the girl had committed suicide. The body was found in the farm home. The couple had been married but a short time before the killing. The convicted man is well connected.

## ARREST CULPRIT WHO STOLE ROLLER SKATES

Laurel, Neb., Feb. 26.—Joe Barley, of Wayne, was arrested here charged with having stolen 42 pairs of roller skates from the Wayne opera house several days ago. Barley shipped a box from Wayne to this place and it was accidentally broken open while being unad on the platform. An officer was present at the time and nabbed Barley on the spot. Barley was formerly a brakeman and was acquitted on the charge of cashing another man's check in Sioux City about two years ago.

## VICIOUS HOG ATTACKS AN AGED FARMER

Hoskins, Neb., Feb. 26.—Erick Henderson, an aged farmer living near here, narrowly escaped death in a pig pen Saturday evening. While in the pen he was attacked by a vicious hog that got him down and he was seriously injured before he could be rescued. For a time it was thought that he had been fatally injured.

## OPENED STORE SUNDAY, ARRESTED ON MONDAY

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—Hungry customers besieged S. Adelson, a Jewish merchant of this city, for supplies on Sunday. They refused to buy on Saturday. He had supplied them in order to retain their patronage. He was arrested today and must face a charge of violating the Sunday observance law.

## FAIL TO LOCATE KIDNAPED GIRL

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—Careful and systematic searching in all the cities of the West has failed to solve the mystery of the disappearance of Myrtle Martin, 14 years old. The girl was abducted from her home near Nelson by an unknown man in an automobile. She was the star witness in an important criminal trial.

## DRANK CRESELENE FOR WHISKY; DEAD

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—J. J. Kurtz, a Burlington engineer, 38 years old, is dead at his home here as a result of drinking creselene from a bottle supposed to contain whisky. The room was dark and Kurtz got the wrong bottle. He died in agony. The wife is prostrated.

## "HELEN," PHONE MAN, FOUND OUT WHEN HE PROPOSES TO GIRL

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—There was consternation among the girls of the Forest exchange of the Bell Telephone company when it became known that "Helen" lies, a fellow worker, was, by her own confession, not a girl at all, but a boy in disguise. The secret was brought to light when one of the girls complained to the chief of the exchange, Miss Burns, that "Helen" was not what she seemed. Miss Burns brought "Helen" on the carpet and the operator was discharged from further service.

"Helen" applied for a position five months ago. A few weeks ago a new operator, whose first name is Margaret, was assigned to the exchange. "Helen" forgot his disguise, told Margaret he was a man, and asked her to marry him. Margaret refused and immediately sought Miss Burns, the result being that "Helen" is out of a job.

## THREE CORNERED DUEL; TWO ARE FATALLY INJURED

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 26.—F. H. Hoffman and son George, and Stewart Lanterman engaged in a three cornered duel Saturday during which Lanterman seized a necktie and crushed the skulls of both Hoffmans, who probably will die from injuries. The fight resulted from a quarrel over the number of bushels of corn Lanterman had shelled for the Hoffmans.