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Writing from Jerusalem to a friend in New York, Adolf Stirner, who made a tour of the United States last year to study economic and social conditions, says: "I know the energy and the creative power of your people. New states, great railroads, modern work of engineering, architecture, a state taken as matters of course and excite little comment. But when I see what is being done here I must reserve a fraction of enthusiasm for the people of Jerusalem. They are not goaded on by competition, and their surroundings make for indolence and stagnation. Nevertheless, a spirit of progress has developed which commands respect. If you lived here you would know what a new house in Jerusalem means, and you would stand aghast, as I did when I was told that 200 had been completed in the last three months."

The Gaulois, of Paris, has been entertaining its readers with a patent leather boot story. It is said that every six months a sewer man of Paris receives a pair of heavy boots. At the end of the period these articles are worthless as far as the original purpose is concerned, but they have actually increased in value. The old boots are sold to the dressers, it is said, as the conditions under which they have been used make the leather peculiarly adapted for conversion into patent leather for dress shoes.

Frederick van Erden's drama, "The Promised Land," which has its first performance before the Nederland Toncelvereeniging at Amsterdam recently, has been the theme of considerable discussion. A Berlin paper in its account of the first performance says: "The central feature of the play is a communist community. This and the contrast shown between the Christian and the anarchist view of the world and society can not fail to interest an audience."

The carnauba palm of Brazil is said to be the world's most useful tree. It gives everything from medicine to cattle food. Its roots make a valuable drug, a blood purifier. Its timber, a high polish and is in demand among cabinet makers for fine work. The sap becomes wine or vinegar, according to the way it is prepared, and starch and sugar are also obtained from this sap. The fruit of the tree is a cattle food, the nut is a good substitute and the pith makes corks.

The work of cutting and polishing the great Cullinan diamond for King Edward has begun at the Ascher factory, in Amsterdam. It is expected that nearly a year will elapse before the process can be completed. The diamond in the rough measured four and a half inches across. No visitor is now allowed to enter this part of the factory without identification. The work goes on in a strong room closely guarded.

With a total population of 43,659,121, the United Kingdom expended for liquors of all kinds during 1906 the sum of \$899,831,825, an average of \$18 per capita. Of this amount \$485,187,316 was spent for beer, the quantity consumed being 33,891,101 barrels; \$252,301,812 for spirits, or 39,302,402 gallons; \$63,992,951 for wine, or 12,328,691 gallons, and \$7,298,750 for other liquors, or 15,000,000 gallons.

In American secondary schools in the year 1906 there were 925,000 pupils—742,000 at the public high schools and only 183,000 in the private schools of the kind. Many thousands of these latter were in the preparatory departments of the numerous small colleges all over the land, but largely in the South and West. The majority were in the private schools in the large cities.

Having been fined for neglect of duty, a postal subordinate in India addressed his chief in the following terms: "Your honor may be right, I may be wrong; I may be right and you may be wrong; let honor give me back the fine, and then at day of resurrection, when all hearts will be open, if I am wrong, I will most gladly, sir, return your honor the money."

Public streets in the towns of Java are daily swept and kept clean by native convicts. They go to work chained together in parties of 20 or 30, under the superintendence of barefooted native soldiers clad in ill-fitting uniforms, who would instantly shoot them down if they tried to escape during their working time, when they are unchained.

Lieutenant General Francois Joubert-Plenard, who worked the British forces exceedingly during the Boer war, but who is a most loyal subject of Edward VII nowadays, is coming to Washington to have an audience with the president, and to see if he cannot interest Mr. Roosevelt in his crusade against slavery and its kindred atrocities in the Portuguese colony of Angola in West Africa.

Wissen four Alle had a symposium to discuss the value of salt in digestion. One of the physicians wrote that, while salt in moderation is good for the stomach, and often absolutely necessary, it ought to be taken apart from the meals. In much the same way as medicine. He bases his judgment on the way artificial digestion proceeds in the presence of marine salt.

From the year 1880 to the close of 1906 23,340 men met death in the coal mines of the United States. Not since 1857 has the annual list numbered less than 1,000, and each year the number has grown larger. In 1906 the fatalities were 2,061 and in 1907, when the figures are all in and compiled, will number more than that.

A new British rapid-fire gun, described in the March number of Popular Mechanics, contains eight barrels, arranged in two tiers of four, and will discharge 460 shots a minute. Its greatest feature is the patent cooling chamber, which allows it to be fired for an unlimited time without becoming overheated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Custer intends to build a home for impoverished literary women as a memorial to her husband, who fell in the Little Big Horn fight with the Indians 20 years ago. Mrs. Custer has recently bought a site for the proposed home in Bronxville, Westchester county, New York.

An old broken Roman vase, supposed to be 1,370 years old, which was casually picked from the ruins of the palace of the Roman Emperor Caligula several years ago by W. M. Milne, Los Angeles, is now sought by the Italian government and is believed to be of very great historic value.

Representative Nehemiah D. Sperry, of Connecticut, is the oldest man in the House of Representatives. He will be 81 years old in June. This is his 15th year in Congress. He was born in New Haven under Lincoln, and helped to make the Monitor possible.

SHALL PHYSICIANS HAVE PASTEBOARDS OR GO PASSLESS?

Status of Special Passes Comes Up for Adjudication in Nebraska Court.

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—When is a pass not a pass is the question being debated today before Judge Cornish, of the criminal division of the Lancaster district court. The Union Pacific Railroad company, which has objections to going to jail because it issued a pass to Dr. F. A. Graham, its local surgeon, raised a point that because the law makes the giving of a "free" pass a misdemeanor it cannot be punished because Graham agreed in his contract to perform medical services when called upon in return for the bit of pasteboard. Besides, says the company, the law is ambiguous and a violation of the right of contract.

The attorney general contends that if a railroad company has the right to make such a contract with a surgeon or a lawyer, it also has the right to make it with a politician, and as the aim of the law was to put the railroads out of politics and place everybody on an equal footing, to permit a construction that would allow a political boss to contract for a pass in return for services he may render will make the law inoperative.

What hurts the railroad company most is that its ninety doctors are afraid to take a pass because of the penalties that may follow, and as the company needs their services now and then they insist on pay equal to the value of the pass to them.

DRUGGIST WOULD FORFEIT LOT TITLES THROUGH CONVICTION

Walthill, Neb., April 7.—C. A. Boughn and W. R. Ream, the two Walthill druggists who were arrested last week for bootlegging, are facing a more serious proposition.

The deed of the Walthill townsite property provide that if any liquor is ever sold on the premises conveyed, the same shall be forfeited to the original owner and this provision was required before the department of the interior would approve the deeds. It is known positively that the government does not propose to allow this restriction to become a dead letter. Its representative here in charge of the prosecution will give no promises of immunity. If he can, if he wishes, institute proceedings for the forfeiture of property owned by all those proven guilty. Boughn could lose \$10,000 and Ream \$3,500 by such action.

The secret service official has gone to Omaha to appear before the federal grand jury and is likely that many indictments will follow.

DISGRACE SAID TO BE KILLING EDMISTEN

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—His indictment at the hands of the federal grand jury on the charge of being implicated in frauds, has brought J. Harley Edmisten, for years state chairman of the populist committee, to the verge of a nervous breakdown. He is at his home here a victim of profound melancholia, unable to obtain sleep save by the use of opiates, and his physician says that if his brooding over his troubles cannot be stopped, he fears for the worst.

Edmisten was a big cattleman in western Nebraska, and his indictment came as a thunderclap. He was released on \$10,000 bail, but when his case was called for trial he could not be found. Friends had taken him to Florida in the hope of restoring his health, but he refused to stay there, and a few days ago got on a train without saying a word to any one and returned to Nebraska. His health has been forfeited, and the federal officials say they will refuse to consent to the default being set aside, notwithstanding Edmisten's return.

Edmisten was one of the best politicians the state has ever produced, and almost every winning campaign the populists fought in the '90s was under his direction as chairman.

MISUSED THE MAILS WITH NATURE PICTURES

Lincoln, Neb., April 7.—Herman Lachmund, who was arrested for sending obscene matter through the mails, Lachmund sent a number of pictures of "nature scenes" on postcards to his friends throughout the United States.

TWO POSTMASTERS JUMPED THEIR JOBS

Coleridge, Neb., April 7.—O. G. Ritchie, postmaster at Coleridge, and Will Haveskost, postmaster at Fordyce, have resigned.

GIRLS FOLLOW FLAGS AND ATLANTIC FLEET

Omaha, Neb., April 7.—Misses Louise McPherson and Marie McPherson, popular society girls of this city, have secured permission from the government to follow the Pacific fleet around the world. They will sail on a mail steamer in June and follow the course of the fleet until it has made the complete circuit and returned to the home ports.

ROBBERS MAKE ANOTHER HAUL IN OKLAHOMA

Muskogee, Okla., April 7.—Robbers blew open the safe of the Bank of Mounds, at Mounds, Okla., 30 miles west of here, obtained \$5,400 in currency and silver and escaped.

When the charge which opened the safe was set off the detonation awakened half of the town, but the robbers kept up a constant fusillade from behind a barricade of barrels, wire, barrels and boxes which they had erected in the street, and then retreated to their horses in safety.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GIVES OPINION ON ANARCHISTS

Washington, April 7.—Attorney General Bonaparte at the cabinet meeting handed to the president an opinion on the question as to whether the editors and proprietors of the alleged anarchist newspaper, La Question Sociale, of Paterson, N. J., could be criminally prosecuted for urging murder by dynamite. The opinion will not be made public until the president has had an opportunity to read it carefully. It is said to be important in that it deals somewhat generally with the question of handling the anarchist situation in the United States.

R. R. COMMISSION SEEKS TO AMEND WESTERN RULES

Will Hear Grievances and Reimburseances on Present Classification April 27.

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—Any person who doesn't like the rates charged them individually or against the town in which they do business, or has any complaint to make about classifications and minimum weights is cordially invited by the railroad commission to come to Lincoln on April 27, and pour their troubles into the commission's waiting ear.

The items that will be specifically taken up are: An examination into the present classification and the re-adjustment and correction of any inequalities or discriminations that may exist; an examination of the rules as to minimum weights on carload shipments and the regulations of the various carriers applying on business done between stations in this state, and the correction of any rules that are unjust or discriminatory, and an examination of the schedules of rates and charges now in effect for the transportation of merchandise and all commodities between stations in this state.

The commission has under consideration the advisability of amending western classification rules so that articles taking the same class if shipped in carloads, may be shipped in mixed carloads at the same rate.

POETRY FIGURES IN A NEBRASKA DIVORCE CASE

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—Ray McGrew, a banker and lawyer of Bloomington, is defending a suit for divorce brought in the Lancaster district court. He claims that it is a case of too much mother-in-law, and that he will gladly take his wife back again if she will bar the doors against her mother, Mrs. Funk.

The latter was a witness in the case yesterday, and after giving McGrew several verbal black eyes, was brought into confusion by McGrew's attorneys, who asked her if she had not written a certain piece of poetry, which was handed to her by the plaintiff's attorney, but demurred on the ground that it contained references to parties who were not concerned in the case. Her attorneys flew to her defense, and the poetry was temporarily barred.

Mrs. Funk is a modest looking, white-haired woman, and the intimation of attorneys for her son-in-law that she had been writing for her own delectation, poetry that is usually a stranger to a feminine pen, brought from her the declaration that she had thought it was locked securely in her own trunk.

COUNTY OFFICIAL IS NOT AMERICAN CITIZEN.

Ponca, Neb., April 6.—The state men of government inspectors, that William Kay, county treasurer, is not an American citizen has caused a sensation throughout this district. This startling discovery was made by an inspector, who came to Wakefield to investigate some delinquencies of a party who had had Kay sign as a witness.

The inspector found that Kay was 5 years old when he came to America and that his father had never taken out papers.

Kay was a county supervisor four years before he was elected county treasurer last fall.

RAILROAD NOT BLAMED FOR KILLING OF BLICK

Wakefield, Neb., April 6.—The coroner's jury has brought in a verdict that one is to blame for last Friday's tragedy in which the two Blick brothers were run over by a train, one of them being killed and the other seriously injured.

It was proved that the engineer blew the whistle, rung the bell and made every possible effort to prevent the accident. It appears that the brothers recklessly attempted to get over the crossing ahead of the train.

NEBRASKA STUDENT WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Lincoln, Neb., April 6.—Joseph E. Smith, a student of Cotner (Christian church) university, of Lincoln, was today designated as this year's Nebraska winner of the Rhodes scholarship at Oxford university. He is 18 years old, a Junior in Cotner university, and at Overton, Neb., he will sail for England in September.

AUTHOR OF BOGUS CALL FOR TROOPS IN 1864 IS DEAD

New York, April 6.—Joseph Howard, Jr., died in the Hotel Nevada at the age of 75. He was widely known as a newspaper writer, having worked at one time or another on most of the large dailies of the country.

Howard in 1864 wrote a proclamation purporting to come from President Lincoln, calling for half a million more troops. The hoax was published by the Journal of Commerce and the World, both of which were seized by the government and their publication suspended.

Howard was arrested and locked up in Fort Lafayette. Henry Ward Beecher and Howard's father, who was a deacon in Beecher's church, succeeded in persuading President Lincoln to release him.

WABASH LIMITED TRAIN WRECKED

Danville, Ill., April 6.—The Wabash Continental limited was derailed six miles from here this afternoon. It was reported all the coaches left the track and overturned.

POSTMASTER WAS STABBED WITH AN OLD SCREW DRIVER

Peculiar Accident Occurs in Altercation Between Postmaster and Patron.

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—The authorities are puzzled over the case of William Tangemann, postmaster at Roca, who was stabbed with a screw driver Sunday in an altercation with Frank W. Dunham, a patron of the office. Dunham went into the office to take the lock off his box for purposes of repair. Tangemann ordered him out and as he did not hasten sufficiently tried to throw him out. He says that in the row that followed Dunham stabbed him with the screw driver he had in his hand, that his lung was perforated, and that a part of the blade was broken off in the wound.

Physicians have examined Tangemann and find no perforation whatever in his clothing, although close to the armpit there is a hole about three-quarters of an inch deep. How this could have been inflicted and yet there be no hole in the clothing that covered the spot is what puzzles them, although there is a possibility that the force with which the blow was struck drove the cloth that deep into the flesh, and that the breaking of the blade at that instant dragged it out again. No part of the blade was found in the flesh. Dunham was hit over the head with a hammer, and is in a local hospital.

A PILLAR OF FIRE AT RUNWAY SPEED STARTLED STUART

Stuart, Neb., April 4.—Mounted on a load of hay that was affre and the four-horse team frantic with fear, running away, Loyal Gill, a farmer living near this place, had a most exciting and spectacular adventure.

Gill was driving to Stuart with a load of hay and when near town and while lighting his pipe a spark from the match set fire to the hay beneath him. In an instant the flames shot up around him and he attempted to save the load by throwing overboard that which was burning. Then four horses became frightened and commenced to run and Gill was obliged to let the hay burn and get the horses stopped and unhitched which he did after a hard tussle.

The burning hay scattered along the roadside set fire to the prairie and it was only after a strenuous fight on the part of 40 or 50 citizens of Stuart, who arrived on the scene, that neighboring farm yards, hay and buildings were saved.

FROM PHILIPPINES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—Professor C. L. Hoover, superintendent of schools of the province of Samar, Philippine islands, arrived in Lincoln today with his family to visit relatives. He is an alternate delegate to the republican national convention and is instructed for the Philippines and the Philippines wish to see nominated for president.

ARE LETTERS FROM GERMAN EMPEROR?

Berlin, April 4.—The publication in a Munich Journal which is issued twice a month of what it claims is a copy of the letter which Emperor William sent to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the British admiralty, which created a sensation both in Germany and in England and a copy of a letter from Lord Tweedmouth in reply created considerable commotion in Berlin. The foreign office declared that the letters published were not copies of the original and the official news agency pronounced the publication an "April fool joke."

Despite these declarations, the impression prevails in well informed circles that both copies were authentic. The paper does not explain how the letters came into its possession. As reproduced the emperor's letters appear quite harmless in character, there being not the slightest attempt in it to influence Great Britain's naval policy.

LABORER TAKES A FEW SHOTS AT MRS. M'KEE

Paris, April 4.—Maitre Labori concluded his arguments at the hearing of the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. A. Hart McKee, formerly Mrs. Hugh Levis, and a daughter of Colonel George W. Baxter, of Tennessee, against her husband, with a severe arraignment of Mrs. McKee.

Instead of marrying his wife for the purpose of robbing his stepson and stepdaughter, as the plaintiff alleged, and trying to induce Colonel Baxter to renounce the rights upon her fortune of \$800,000, Labori said, M. Labori declared it was Mr. McKee who arranged the trust in order to prevent the dissipation of the fortune. He described the wife as constantly quarreling with members of her family. He argued that the testimony given by the servants of Mrs. McKee against her husband was not worthy of credence, and concluded his argument with the statement that Mr. McKee made no charges against his wife's honor.

YOUNG SOCIETY SWELL WEDS A CHORUS GIRL

Chicago, April 4.—"Billy" Parker, 18-year-old son of Mrs. H. O. Parker, of Wheaton, has married a music hall singer. It is far from his first affair with a gay young woman. Of the stage, but it is the first of his romances to result in matrimony. "Billy's" father, who is dead, was a wealthy and well known board of trade man.

The bride's name is Nadine Rinne. They were married yesterday at San Rafael, Cal. The young man's mother tried to prevent the marriage, but she was too late in reaching San Rafael, whither the couple had gone from Los Angeles.

GRAND JURY WILL PROBE BANK THEFT

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 4.—When it is impeached April 13, the United States grand jury will be asked by the directors of the First National bank to investigate the theft in January of \$106,250 from the reserve chest of that institution. The statement is made by W. S. McCormick, president of the bank.

MEMBER OF THE OLD DALTON GANG AGAIN IN LIMBO

Wanted for Crime in Kansas and Requisition Papers Secured in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—Requisition papers were honored by Governor Sheldon today for the return to Kansas of Thomas Taylor alias Steve Taylor, who is wanted at Marysville for a murder alleged to have been committed 10 years ago. The story as told to the governor was that Taylor was a member of the famous Dalton gang of marauders who kept Kansas in a turmoil for years. Taylor was one of the Daltons was under arrest at Marysville in 1888, waiting trial for one of their raids, when the two attempted to break jail. They were met in the corridor by Charles R. Batterson, one of the guards, and Taylor or Dalton struck him down with an iron bar, killing him. In 1902, Dalton was recaptured and tried. Taylor was not overtaken.

He buried himself in the West, but the old instinct was too strong in him, and he was recently arrested and put in jail in Dundys county, on a charge of burglary. It so happened that reposing in the jail at the time was one Green Allen, once a friend of his, but who had raised the blood feud against him. Allen tipped him off to the authorities, and back to Kansas he will have to go.

IMAGINARY DISEASE AND PATENT DOPE FIXED THIS MAN

Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—O. A. Elliott, at one time a prominent business man of Lincoln, died yesterday, the victim of the excessive use of patent medicines, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury. Elliott has had the obsession for several years that he was tried all of the various medicines he saw advertised or heard of, but he said he found nothing that gave him relief.

The medicines used, said the doctors, weakened his heart, and he died of valvular trouble of that organ. Elliott roomed at one of the smaller hotels of the city. The last he was seen alive was on Sunday morning. Tuesday a light was discovered in his room. It was broken into and he was found on the floor, dead. He had fallen out of bed and struck his head on a radiator, but the concussion was not enough to cause death.

EXPLOSION OF AMMONIA OVERCOMES 10 PACKERS

Omaha, Neb., April 1.—Ten men were overcome by gas in the Cudahy Packing company's plant today when a tank of ammonia gas exploded. Eight were taken to the hospital in a serious condition.

ALMOST CENTENARIAN GRANDMA IS LIVELY

West Point, Neb., April 3.—A remarkable person is "Grandma" Harstick, of West Point, whom the whole community loves and honors, and who has just celebrated her 99th birthday. She walks four miles to church every week and does housework, needlework and gardening. Though old in years, she has a clear intellect, a wonderful memory and her sight is yet so good that she can tell colors at a glance.

BURNING SANDS FOR HORSE THIEVES AT PENDER

Pender, Neb., April 3.—Because several attempts have been made to steal horses in this locality, a branch of the Anti-Horse Thief association has been organized here, and an attempt will be made to rid the country of men who can't let go of the halter strap of other people's horses.

BUNCH OF PENSIONS FOR NEBRASKA VETS.

Washington, April 3.—The commissioner of pensions has advised Congressmen Boyd, Flint and Kinkaid of the allowance of pensions to their constituents as follows:

- Congressman Boyd's district: Geo. W. Stewart, Boone, \$15; William W. Lloyd, Battle Creek, \$20; Isaac Chamberlain, Platteville, \$20.
- Mr. Flint's district: John J. Buck, Wisner, \$12; John S. Jones, Nelkerson, \$12; John M. Whitte, Cedar Rapids, \$15; William E. Barr, Norfolk, \$20; John C. Whitaker, Silver Creek, \$8; Herman J. Lueche, Creston, \$15; John Osterlah Hooper, \$15; Frederick Reahm, \$15; Edgins, \$15; Edgins O. vector, \$15; Fredrick Spinte, Columbus, \$20; David Henry Schuyler, \$15; Henry Loney, Plainville, \$15; Joshua C. Wells, Wakefield, \$20; Sarah Loure, Creighton, \$8; Robert T. Robinson, Cedar Rapids, \$15; Thomas Bryant Schuyler, \$15; Jacob Maple Schuyler, \$15; Seth M. Hunt, Fremont, \$15.

MADE COLOR LINE EXCUSE FOR BURGLARY

Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—Governor Sheldon went down to the penitentiary this morning to listen to the plea of J. H. Robinson, a colored man, who is serving a 2 year sentence for burglary in Omaha.

Robinson told the governor that because of his color he was unable to get profitable or pleasant employment to support his wife and family of six children, and therefore, he had to take to burglary as a means of livelihood.

A DESERTED LOVER BECOMES A MANIAC

Stanton, Neb., April 3.—Because the sweetheart of his youth in Bohemia spurned his love and wrote him that she was going to marry another, Joseph Heikide, a Stanton county farmer, became violently insane and has been sent to the Norfolk asylum.

Biblical students have searched in every possible quarter for the origin of the custom of carrying candles in the candlemas procession, without finding any record of it.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY INDICTED FOR FRAUD

New York, April 3.—The grand jury handed down two indictments against former Special Deputy Attorney General Nathaniel Vidaver, charging him with trying to extort money from William R. Montgomery, former president of the Hamilton bank, on the alleged representation that he could stop attacks alleged to emanate from the office of the attorney general and prevent Attorney General Jackson from interfering with Mr. Montgomery's plans to open another bank. Mr. Vidaver has had several hearings in the police court in connection with the charges.

FATHER RESCUES CHILD BUT LOSES HIS OWN LIFE

Both Fall in the Cistern, But Only the Little One is Rescued.

Omaha, Neb., April 1.—One of those peculiar fatalities combining the heroic and pathetic transpired here yesterday. Holding his child in whom he had fallen into the cistern, above his head, while standing in seven feet of water, Morris Christanson saved the life of his 2-year-old boy until help arrived and then sank to the bottom of the cistern and when rescued life was extinct. His wife was a witness of the accident which happened while the father was walking about the yard with the boy in his arms and accidentally stepped on the thin covering of the cistern and went through. The wife notified the neighbors, but it was too late to rescue the man who was standing with his head under water. Once or twice he succeeded in raising his head above water to catch a breath, but when the boy was rescued the father was too much exhausted to longer handle himself. After the boy was recovered three doctors worked long over it in the effort to restore respiration, but the effort was futile.

INTOXICATED MAN HAS NECK BROKEN

Pierce, Neb., April 1.—The body of Will Storlger, aged 27, was picked up under a culvert two miles northwest of Pierce at 3 o'clock Sunday morning by his brother, Bob, who had gone in search of him.

Will was in Pierce Saturday afternoon intoxicated and left for home about 10 o'clock at night with a team and a lumber wagon. The team later came home on the run without a driver. His brother, who went in search of him, found him with his neck and shoulder broken.

The funeral will be held tomorrow. There will be no inquest. He was a single man.

BELDEN BEATS 'TO JT' IN FIRST BALL GAME

Belden, Neb., April 1.—This town claims the honor of having the first ball game of the season in Nebraska. On Saturday the high school team played the business men and beat them.

IT TAKES A 'SPOTTER' TO SPOT A 'SPOTTER'

Wausa, Neb., April 1.—Suspicious that much bootlegging was going on in Wausa, local prohibitionists hired a "spotter" and he worked up a case against Charles Jepperson, a liverman. The trial will be held April 15. Much feeling has been aroused over the affair. Then to further complicate the situation and give circulation to many rumors, the "spotter" has disappeared and it may be necessary to "spot" the "spotter" before the trial.

EXPRESS AGENT IS BRUTALLY MURDERED

Telluride, Colo., April 1.—As the Bailey, of Kansas City, an express messenger for the Wells-Fargo express company, was killed by an unknown person on Santa Fe train, No. 115, between Florence and Newton early yesterday morning. The murder was a very brutal one, with robbery as the object. Both safes, the local and through safes, were ransacked and at least \$1,000 in money and some jewelry taken. Whether this is the full amount the robber secured is not known.

The dead body of Messenger Bailey was found at 4 o'clock in the morning when the train reached Newton. It was stretched on the floor of the car, the head beaten to a pulp and lying in a pool of blood. The back of the skull was crushed and the end of the car in which it was lying was spattered with blood. The blood spatters reached to the ceiling.

Two theories are held by the officers. One is that the robbers entered the car unobserved at Emporia, Strong City or some other point along the line and concealed themselves until a favorable opportunity came and the other is that Bailey admitted somebody he knew and considered a friend. When the train slowed down at the Missouri Pacific crossing in the east part of Newton two men were seen by the engineer to jump from the train and run south.

Poses a reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Wells Fargo express company for the apprehension of the guilty parties.

STEVE ADAMS' JAIL CLOSELY GUARDED

Newton, Kans., April 1.—O. A. result of the attempt to murder General Bulkley, a Wells-Fargo general manager of the Smuggler-Union mines and mills, at Pandora, Sheriff Fitzpatrick is taking precautions to guard the jail in which Steve Adams, charged with the assassination of Arthur Collins, general manager of Adams' predecessor, is confined. The feeling against Adams is becoming more bitter from day to day. He is supposed to represent the element among the miners that believes in violence against the mine owners.

General Wells, it is alleged, secured a confession from Steve Adams in Idaho, in which Adams implicated himself as the slayer of Collins, but Adams has since repudiated his confession, and for this reason it is believed that Adams' friends may think that if Wells should be gotten out of the way before the case comes to trial it would be difficult to convict Adams.

JAW IS SHATTERED BY KICK OF PONY

Carroll, Neb., April 1.—Kicked by a pony in the face, the 10-year-old daughter of Anton Jorgenson is in a horrible condition. The lower jaw is shattered into pieces and the teeth all gone while on the upper jaw the teeth were all smashed and driven into the gums.

HEADACHE KNOCKERS KNOCKED HER OUT

Central City, Neb., April 1.—Miss Mary Skiff, a waitress of this city, came near dying as the result of taking headache tablets. After a friend had prepared some of the tablets for her she had occasion to use them and called over the phone to know how many should be taken. Another party answered the phone and told her in a joking way to take nine, which she did and kept the physicians busy for several hours administering restoratives.

One or twice he succeeded in raising his head above water to catch a breath, but when the boy was rescued the father was too much exhausted to longer handle himself. After the boy was recovered three doctors worked long over it in the effort to restore respiration, but the effort was futile.