DOCTORS SAY KEISER SANE

Relatives Made Complaint Because He Recently Wedded Young Woman

Wahoo, Neb., Feb. - Levi Keiser, 79 years old, who recently was married to Mrs. Irene Buell of Ashland, Neb., who is 39 years his junior, is sane, physicians who examined him at the request of his attorney, A. Z. Donato, Mr. Donato said. Relatives of the aged man are said to be trying to separate him from his bride, because he was not mentally competent.

Depot At Hartington, Neb., Destroyed by Fire

Hartington, Neb., Feb. -- (Special)-The Hartington depot of the Omaha railroad was destroyed by fire which was discovered about 5 o'clock, Friday evening. There was not a large amount of freight in the building, the heaviest loss outside of the building proper being about \$500 worth of automobile parts. Explosion of a barrel of oil in the building caused the fire to burn flercely. It is believed the fir. was started by spontaneous combustion in a pile of coal.

AGED MAN KILLED

BY FALL INTO CELLAR. Vermillion, S. D., Feb. -Funeral services were held in vermillion for Daniel Messer, aged resident of Clay county who died shortly after falling down the basement stairs at his home. It is supposed that he missed his footing on the dark stairs and toppled down the steps before he could regain his balance. Mrs. Messer missed him, and made a search. When she discovered him, he was lying unconscious on the basement floor near the furnace. He was 80 years old.

DEMAND ESTATE FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

Sloux Falls, S. D., Feb. - Claiming that they are entitled to the Smith estate for labor performed for the John J. Smith family on a farm near Crooks, in Minnehaha county, and by an oral promise claimed to have been made to them by Mr. Smith before his death, Ag-Dolan and Anna F. Laughlin plaintiffs in a circuit court here against Patrick Smith, administrator of the state of his father. Trial will be started today.

The estate is valued at \$30,000. Plaintiffs demand either a title to the property or a court judgment for the amount.

GIRL'S PLUCK SAVES HER MOTHER'S HOME

Spencer, Ia., Feb. lumber company carries an advertisement in the form of a story of a Spencer girl who stepped in when her mother was about to lose her home, and paid for it, little by little, as she carned the money, until the home was clear.

This girl is Miss Ethel Dunkin, In May, 1920, her mother sold her home in Spencer, which carried incumbrance, bought a lot and started to build a smaller home which would be clear. Mrs. Dunkin received a payment on her home, the balance to be paid when the deed was executed and clear title given. The lot was bought and paid for, and the building materials ordered and a first payment made, when it was found there was a flaw in the title of the home she had sold. The cost of quieting the title took all the rest of the money received for the home. The new little home was by this time nearly completed, and Miss Ethel Dunkin, a school girl, went to the Lumber company and asked for time to be given her to pay the debt. The company admired her courage and granted her request. She graduated from the Spencer high school and worked in different places wherever she found work 'hat summer, then taught country school in Clay county two years, walking both ways to save as much money as possible, in all but the stormiest weather. For the past two years she has been teaching in a rural school near Seneca, S. D., where the wages were slightly better. In the four years she has missed only one regular payment, this on account of an unex-

Although Toronto has voted for the sontinuance of daylight saving time for the coming summer months, with a majority of 13,000, Hamilton simultaneously voted against daylight saving time. Here it was disapproved by a vote of almost two to one. Thus the two neighboring Ontario industrial centers will operate on different times.

Sweden's imports for the first 16 months of 1923 exceeded the exports by about \$54,000,000, as against an excess of \$10,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1922. The principal commodities that helped swell the import volume are grain, fuel, illuminating and lubricating oils, coal and vehicles, including automobiles.

WISNER TO HAVE

NEW NEWSPAPER West Point, Neb., Feb. (Special.)-Wisner is to have a new newspaper to be called the "Wisner News." It will be published for the first time this week. The editor is H. H. Humphreys who came to Wisner from Springfield, Neb., where he was engaged as instructor in the schools.

All of the inhabitants of a city the size of Milwankee or Washington, D. C., could be seated at one time in the theatres of New York city.

SAID LIQUOR FOR OWN USE

Nebraska Supreme Court Adopts Contention of Hastings Man

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. (Special)-The supreme court dismissed several actions against persons accused of liquor law violations. Alexander G Brehm of Hastings, it was found, had accumulated his stock before prohibition went into effect, and that as he had never given any away or sold any and the amount on hand was only enough for his reasonable needs, the court says he should not have been convicted.

Edgar Farmer, a Perkins county farmer, said that what the sheriff claimed was mash was chicken feed, and the court says that as this was a reversal on an automobile theft could not simply rely on the presumption that because he possessed

it he was intending to make liquor. Robert Francis of Columbus drew a reversal on a automobile theft charge. The court said that the information charged one crime and he was convicted of another, that of accessory to the theft. In Nebraska that cannot be done. The evidence was that a brother took the car and Robert went over to Creston, Ia. to help sell it. The court says he was fortunate in that he was not charged as accessory, as the evidence amply sustains that charge.

PLAYED NEAR BONFIRE,

CHILD FATALLY BURNED Omaha, Neb., Feb. . (Special)-Marie Mano, 3 years old, died in a hospital here Thursday from burns she received Wednesday when her clothing caught fire while she was playing near a bonfire. Neighbors said that one of her playmates accidently pushed her into the fire.

ROAD ISSUES ANNUAL PASSES

Union Pacific Will Be Asked To Explain One To Omaha Banker

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. . (Special)-The Union Pacific railroad company issued 3,600 annual passes in January, 1924, according to a report filed with the state railway commission. Officers and employes entitled under the law to such privileges were the main recipients. Twenty-eight were issued to clergymen, under an amendment to the law adopted by the last legislature, now being con-

tested in the supreme court. Walter W. Head, of Omaha, banker and member of the Nebraska capitol commission, was one of those given pass. He is a director of the Chicago and Northwestern road. Secretary John Curtiss of the railway commission will ask the Union Pacific to explain the issuance of this

COUNTRY ROADS IN

GOOD CONDITION Norfolk, Neb., Feb. . (Special)-Country roads in north Nebraska are in excellent shape following the recent blizzards. The fine weather recently has melted away all of the deep drifts on the east and west roads and automobiles report smooth driving between Omaha, Lincoln and Norfolk. The good weather has started many new road projects and in Madison county the commissioners are starting activity on road maintenance and getting ready for the big permanent road jobs which will be done this spring. The first of these will be the \$50,000 gravel projects on the Meridian and Blue Pole highways between Madison, Battle Creek and Norfolk. The contract for this project will be let before April 1, and bids are to be advertised for in a short time.

STOCKHOLDERS WILL

LOSE THEIR CASH Omaha, Neb., Feb. -Stockhold-ers of the defunct daster Sales company will lose \$350,000, all they invested, and creditors will not get more than 50 cents on the dollar, Carl Katleman, managing trustee, said in district court at the trial of the former president, Moses Miller, on a

charge of forgery.

Miller said in his testimony that he quit the concern last July "because the stockholders wanted to run the place." It was then in good shape he said. Miller fixed his loss in the crash at \$70,000.

Miller was charged with forging the indorsement of W. L. Whitla of Long Pine, Neb., on a dividend check. FORMER POSTMASTER

BACK INTO HARNESS West Point, Neb., Feb. 4 (Special) -J. C. Elliott assumes his duties as postmaster-Saturday. W. H. Harstick is the retiring official, having served for the last eight years. Mr. Elliott was formerly in charge of the office here, having held the position for 12 years prior to the Harstick incumbency.

WIDOW GETS \$29,104.50

FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH Lincoln, Neb., Feb. ~ (Special)-Mrs. Mary Price has received a check for \$29,104.50 for the death of her husband, who was electrocuted by a live wire belonging to the Lincoin Gas and Electric company. Price was a motorman for the traction company and was called out by someone who reported a live wire down. In attempting to repair the wire he was killed. The Gas company fought the widow's suit,

RAILROADED TO PRISON, CLAIM

Attorney For Convicted Man Makes Some Sensational Charges

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. (Special)-George Brown appealing before the state board of pardons, claimed that the had been railroaded to prison in order to help out an extortion scheme of the father of the 11 year old girl he was accused of attempting to assault. He had called on her the night the crime was alleged to have, been committed and says that he did

not lay hands on the girl. Brown's attorney presented some documents to substantiate in part & claim that the girl's father had been trying to extort money from neighboring farmers near Yutan by claiming they had taken his wife out riding. One letter made a demand for \$100. The attorney claimed that Brown was railroaded to prison in order that the old man might use him as a horrible example to the others he had written to.

BIG WOLF HUNT ON

NEAR FREMONT, NES. Fremont, Neb., Feb. Special)-Five hundred hunismen joined today in a roundup of wolves in the Platte and Elkhorn valleys. The lines extend north from the Platte to the bluffs and from Fremont east to the Lone tree. In a hunt held Wednesday in the Fontanelle vicinity over 106 fackrabbits were bagged but not a single coyote was sighted.

HELD FOR TAKING

ANOTHER MAN'S MAIL. Omaha, Neb., Feb. - Frank Williams, formerly a railroad brakesnan, at Columbus, Neb., was arrested Wednesday at an Omaha hospital where he had undergone an operation and is held in the city jail for postal authorities. A woman who is alleged to have posed as Williams' wife is also under arrest, charged with being a fugitive from justice.

It is alleged that Williams, while living at Columbus, received a letter intended for another man of the same name, and taking advantage of information contained in the letter, wired to the sender at Flagstaff, Ariz., to send \$200 by wire. The money was sent, it is said to a bank at Columbus where Williams was known, and he collected it.

FAIR MANAGERS MEET

TO ARRANGE PROGRAM West Point, Neb., Feb. (Special) A meeting of the Gre Northeast Nebraska Fair association was held here Monday. Delegates from seven county fairs and stock shows assembled for the purpose of securing entertainment material and combined attractions. Show men and theatrical promoters were here to confer with the board of delegates.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITER IS TAKEN IN CHARGE

Columbus, Neb., Feb. * Special) -James J. Keith, 31, Denver, Colorado, was taken to Omaha today by federal authorities following Keith's arrest by police here on the charge of passing counterfeit half dollars and having in his possession equipment with which to manufacture them. Keith was nabbed shortly after

passing a bogus half at the office of the American Railway Express company. When police nabbed him he offered to make the loss good with another half equally as bad,

FREED OF CHARGE

HE KILLED INDIAN Norfolk, Neb., Feb. Norman Roth, farmer of near Niobrara, was freed of all blame in connection with the death of Frank Roy, Ponca Indian, by a coroner's jury at Niobrara. The jury found that Roy met death "by the discharge of a shot gun in his own hands" and "in view of the fact that he had provoked a quarrel with Roth" freed Roth of all blame. Roy is said to have attacked Roth and was shot in a scuffle for possession of the

NEWCASTLE BOY IS

GIVEN COLLEGE HONORS Newcastle, Neb., Feb. (Special)
-- Melvin Thomas, of Newcastle, a student at Madison university, Wis., has been elected to the student faculty, which consists of 15 members. He is a senior and will complete the. electrical engineer course next sem-

HIGH WIND CAUSE OF SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Newcastle, Neb., Feb. Special) -During the high wind Saturday, J. M. Parr, living north of town, met with a curious accident. He was hauling hay when the wind blew the load over, throwing Mr. Parr to the ground, breaking two of his ribs and injuring his shoulder. Mr. Parr is a rural carrier on a route out of Newcastle.

KILL COYOTES AND

WOUND MAN ON HUNT Kenesaw, Neb., Feb. -Eight coyotes were killed and one man injured by stray shot in the annual coyote hunt today in which 1,500 men participated.

McCLOUD FILES LONG

PETITION AT LINCOLN. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. - (Special)-A petition signed by over 13 000 republicans, filed today with the secretary of state, puts C. A. McCloud. York banker and former state chairman, in nomiration for republican national committeeman. McCloud was defeated four years ago for the place by R. B. Howell, now senator from Nebruska. Robert E. Druesdow, a former Douglas county legislator, is McCloud's opponent.

JEWELERS ASK REPEAL OF LAW

Marriage Statue Cause of Losing Much Good Business

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. (Special)-Robert Goodall of Pierce, president of the state association of jewelers, says that when it meets at Grand Island next week it will adopt a resolution calling upon the legislature to repeal the marriage law which requires notice and an affidavit of good health. He says that this law has sent about \$5,000,000 a year out of the state because so many young couples go to adjoining states for their license and buy their jewelry there. He says the various state associations of merchants in all lines will join with them because the trip so exhausts the meagre finances of the average couple that they have nothing left to buy furniture with; that these out of state weddings cut merchants out of the chance of selling many things for gifts if it had been performed at home, and that the clothiers and women's wear dealers lose out on the ding garment sales.

GIRL BURGLAR BLAMED

FOR COLUMBUS JOB Columbus, Neb., Feb. -Police are convinced that there is a girl burglar in Columbus. The looting of the safe and five cash registers in the National Five and Ten Cent store here is responsible. Entrance was obtained by breaking in the back window. The safe was empty and open, but the trays were scattered over the floor. Women's stockings had been placed in front of the safe for the thief to kneel on indicating also a person fairly well dressed. Aside from a dollar in change taken from each cash register, a quantity of hair barrets and women's wearing apparel were taken.

MARRIAGE BUSINESS

CONTINUES TO BE GOOD Wayne, Neb., Feb. 3 (Special)-Although Wayne is only 45 miles from Sioux City, the effect of the marriage law passed by the last legislature evidently has not effected the number of marriages in Wayne county. County Judge J. M. Cherry has requested the county commissioners furnish him with a sufficient number of bulletin boards so that marriage notices can be posted as required by law. The present bulletin boards are covered with notices and the judge receives more in each mail,

GOVERNOR IS TO PLAY SAFE

Bryan's Name to Appear on Ballot As Candidate for President

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 12 Special)-It is now planned to have the name of Governor Charles W. Bryan appear on the primary ballot as a candidate for president as well as for governor, which is permissible. The governor was rather loath to thusly disclose himself as an active candidate for the position, but his friends have been insisting that somebody who might not be at all desirable or friendly might be slipped in as a candidate the night before filings are barred, and if he had no opposition would be entitled, under the law, to demand that the delegation support him. The governor's plan was to have an uninstructed delegation, made up of his friends, that would vote for him when the psychologica! point arrived.

As soon as the Bryans can secure a candidate for senator the campaign filings for the major offices will be ended. There will be nobody to oppose Governor Bryan unless Charley Graff succumbs to pressure, which isn't likely. The three republican entries for governor, Speaker Mathers, Former Senator McMullen and C. H. Gustafson, farm leader, will be all that will be made, and Senator Norris, Former Congressman Sloan and Lieutenant Governor Johnson will be the sole contenders for the senatorial honor.

PLATTE CONTY PAIR

WEDDED 65 YEARS Columbus, Neb., Feb. ' (Special) -Mr. and Mrs. Jens Christensen, both 91 years of age, farmfolk living in Joliet township in Platte county will celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary July 2. Mrs. Christensen was 91 on January 6. Mr. Christensen will be 91 on March 25. Both of them read without glasses, do their own housework and tend a big garden and a couple of cows unassisted. Neither one of them has ever been sick in bed and never had a doctor call on them.

"Dixie," the popular southern song, was written by a northern actor, the theme, "I wish I was in Dixle" being the actor's desire for a winter en-gagement in the south.

PAYS OFF INDEBTEDNESS

ON LIGHT PLANT Red Cloud, Neb., Feb. -- Red Cloud city authorities have paid the last indebtedness against the city light and water plant. When Miss Mary Peterson became mayor of Red Cloud three years ago next April, there were \$48,000 in bonds, warrants and other indebtedness against the plant.

Instribution of an automobile tele-phone system to replace the manual telephone system destroyed by the earthquake, is being considered in

DIAMOND MINE IN COLORADO?

Have Made Discovery Last Summer

Omaha, Neb., Feb. i. (U. P.)-R. P. Doudna, building contractor of Maywood, Neb., claims to have found a diamond mine on a trip last summer to Colorado. But he won't tell

"I discovered the diamonds myself and intend to return this summer for further investigation," he said.

"The exact location is known only to me, but the property belongs to another party."

Doudna's find came to light following an attempt of yegg men to blow the safe of the Crosby-Johnson jewelry store at Maywood, Neb., last Friday morning. Doudna is said to have left the jewels in the jewelry store safe. The robbers were frightened away.

SHOOTS AT MAN

WOUNDS A WOMAN Omaha, Neb., Feb. . (Special)-Theresa Mittleholz, sitting on a stool behind the counter of a cafe, was hit in the right leg by a bullet fired by Patrolman Henry Shoelhigh, off duty in the soft drink bar next door, operated by Joe Stevanovich, Shoelhigh said he shot at Stevanovich after he had called him a "stool pigeon," and heaved a chair at him.

OMAHA BREWER PRESSES CLAIM

Receiver of Sholes Bank Resists Inclusion of \$18,000 For Guaranty Fund

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 1 (Special)-Receiver B. N. Saunders, of the Wayne State bank at Sholes, which failed a year and a half ago, is asking the state supreme court to deny the claim of Gottlieb Storz, Omaha brewer, for the payment of \$18,400 out of the deposit guaranty fund.

When the bank closed Storz had certificates of deposit totaling that eum. It is admitted that he received from 1 to 4 per cent, excess interest above that which the law allows, the payment of which the supreme court says makes it a loan and not a deposit, but Storz claims that because the excess was paid by the personal check of the bank manager it does hot come within that rule. It is further claimed that because now certificates for the old ones were issued before the bank closed and upon which no excess interest was paid purges the transaction of all previous taint.

The receiver says that the law floes not permit the payment indirectly of excess interest on descrits, and that if the contention is up sold that Storz makes it will lead to wildcat banking in the state.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS ARE

BECOMING QUITE HEAVY. Bloomfield, Neb., Feb. 7 (Special) -The Bloomfield branch on the M. & O. contributed thirty-three carloads of stock to the Omaha and Sioux City markets on Sunday. Ten carloads went from Bloomfield and the jest from the other towns down the line.

GOOD PRCES ARE

PAID AT PUBLIC SALES. Bloomfield, Neb., Feb. (Special) -Public sales in this vicinity are said to be going very good, in fact much better than in the early part of the season. Cattle prices are excaptionally good and this is especially true as regards milch cows. So far but two sales in this community have been postponed on account of inclement weather. There are quite a few sales booked for the latter part of this month and a few for the first week in March. Reports are to the effect tha farms are practically all taker, those that are still for rent being among the ones that are not desirable places.

CHURCH FIGHT INVOLVES

VALUABLE PROPERTY. Lincoln, Neb. Feb. 7 (Special)-Lincoln attorneys have gone to Madison to take part in a big church lawsuit, in which property and cash totaling \$40,000 or \$50,000 is at stake. The Norwegian Lutheren churches at Newman Grove recently voted to consolidate, and the consolidated church now claims the funds and land immediately adjoining the town site. The little group of what is known as Haugeites, from Hauge, a Netwegian, religious reformer, claims the property as their own, and buse this on the provisions of the original church constitution which gave the congrega. tion the title and provided that the constitution should never be amended.

The glass used in the United States for caps for telephone switchboard signal lamps was made in Europe he-fore the war, but is now being produced in this country.

WINSIDE MAN WITNESS

OF LINCOLN'S KILLING. Winside, Neb. Feb. - The arrival of Lincoln's birthday awakes the memory of one of Winside's oldest settlers. A. T. Chapin was a young man when he attended Ford's theater, in Washington, on April 14, 1965, and was present when the shot was fired that caused the death of the great emancipator.

Mr. Chapin has been a resident of Nebraska for 58 years and bas lived in or near Winside since 1880.

OLD MYSTERY MAY BE SOLVED

Nebraska Man Claims To Disappearance of Nebraska Physician 15 Years Ago Is Recalled

> Table Rock, Neb., Feb. lal) -- Mmstery surrounding the disapparance of Dr J. A., Williamson, Dubois physician, 15 years ago, may soon be solved, Table Rock authorities believe.

> C. W. Williamson of Matheson Colo., brother of the missing physician, has gone to White River national forest where a hermit, know as Curtis Nicherson and "Dr Carter," has been found. Williamson believes the hermit to be his brother. His description tallies with that of the missing man, Williamson said. He has long been a subject of discussion for rangers and cowpunchers who came in

contact with him. Dr Williamson disappeared without apparent cause. Rumors werecurrent that his fiancee had jilted him. Others believed he was a victim of aphasia. The hermit has made his home in the solitude of White Forest for more than 14 years, old residents.

UNUSUAL GROUND

FOR HIS APPEAL. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. (Special)-A case that has no counterpart in Nebraska, according to the lawyers involved, has just been filed in supreme court, where George Ault is seeking to have a judgment against him in Scottsbluff county set aside because of lack of jurisdiction. The state law requires that a man must be served with summons in the county where the lawsuit is brought. Ault lived just across the line in

Sioux county. The Scottsbluff county shcriff swore that he stood on the soil of that county while he handed the summons: to Ault, who was just over the line in Sioux county, and the court held this was valid service. Ault had a surveyor who swore that if the sheriff stood where he said he did he was three inches inside of the Sioux county border. Ault's attornev says that if it is valid to serve a summons in this way then it will be all right for the sheriff to read it over the telephone to a man in another county, megaphone it to hims over the line or tie a weight to it. and heave it over.

NEBRAKA HUNTERS

KILLING MANY CROWS Clearwater, Neb., Feb (Special) -The annual crow killing contest between hunters in Madison and Anwith the Antelope county shooters: A party making unusual progress. of Clearwater hunters attacked oneroost near here last week and killed 1.279 crows in one night's shooting. It was the greatest one-roost kill ever made in this part of the country and after the first bombardment "t rained dead crows," and in a few moments the ground was covered with dead birds. The hunters area cutting the feet from the dead crowsand will take them to Norfolk for official count on February 28, when the annual contest is concluded. The annual banquet of hunters from thesetwo counties takes place in Norfolk! on the evening of February 29.

SENATOR JOHNSON TO SPEAK IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. (Special)-Senator Hiram Johnson of California, will be in Nebraska to delivera number of speeches February 18 and 19. The senator will arrive February 18 and speak in Lincoln that afternoon and at night at Omsha. or vica versa.

LINCOLN PIONEER DIES FROM HURT'S Lincoln, Neb., Feb. (Special) -John M. Burks, business man of Lincoln, who came here in 1874, died: Sunday evening at the home of a daughter, aged 91. The immadiatecause of death was injuries suctain-

CASTANA GIRL WEDS

ed in a fail Saturday.

FAIRBURY, NEB., MAN... Castana, la., Feb. (Special)— Miss Mary Ordway of Castana and Mr. Francis Hedges of Fairbury. Neb., were married here Saturday at. the home of the bride's parents, Mr ... and Mrs. W. W. Ordway. The bride's sister, Miss ?tuth Ordway, was bridesmaid, and the groom was accompanied by Everett Pruett of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. A. Davies of Fairbury. The bride's father is a farmor and banker here. She has been teaching school at Fairbury, wi.ere Mr. Hedges owns a drug store. After a short wedding trip, the young couple will roturn to Fairbury tomake their home.

THIRD OF FAMILY VICTIM OF EXPLOSION Hubbell, Neb., Feb. (Special)-

A third member of the Ed Brew family is dead as the result of Brew pouring kerosene on coals in the kitchen stove. Two others died. Tuesday. The last to die was Brev se 4 year old daughter.

HIS BACK BROKEN

IN AUTO ACCIDENT Omaha, Neb., Feb. -- Harry Patterson suffered a broken back in anauto accident here Sunday and is ina serious condition. Patterson did not discover that his back was broken until he attempted to get out of bed at a hospital for a drink of water... He was arrested and charged withreckless driving while intoxicated. Seven other persons were injured in. the accidents over the week end, ineluding Mrs. Louise Salerno, who le out on bonds awelting trial for the murder of her uncle, Peter Sferas.