

IS CONVINCED MAN INNOCENT

**Omaha Attorney Appeals
Case Growing Out of
Shops Strike**

Lincoln, Neb., April 9. (Special)—A. H. Bigelow, attorney for Mauro Bruno, has asked the supreme court for a rehearing. Bruno was convicted of shooting with intent to kill a neighbor named Joe Vargo, because the latter had said he would go back to work in the railroad shops in Omaha after having gone out with Bruno and others on a strike. Mr. Bigelow says that he files this motion not because of a last ditch fight hour and a half address by a national organizer to join the Ku Klux organization. Those falling to indicate a willingness to join were dismissed. The speaker appeared unheeded but his name was not given out.

FARM BUREAU RESENTS PLAN

**Challenge of State Teachers'
Association Does Not
Meet Approval**

Lincoln, Neb., April 9. (Special)—Nebraska farm bureau officials have taken up the challenge of the State Teachers' association that farmers lack leadership in rural education and ought to have the control of their schools taken from them and given to a county board that shall name the superintendent and select teachers. Secretary Steward, in an interview, given out Wednesday, said this raised a very important question that the farm bureau was ready to debate and consider with the association. The latter's plan also includes a pension fund made up of contributions from the state and from the teachers themselves.

SEEK RELEASE CONVICTED MAN

**Friends of Former Treasurer
of Thomas County Pre-
sent Petition**

Lincoln, Neb., April 9. (Special)—A hundred friends of Jerry Hellman, former county treasurer of Thomas county, now serving a term in prison for embezzlement, appeared in person before the state board of pardons and paroles to ask his parole. They were backed up by petitions yards long. Hellman was a former railroad man who went into politics. He admitted having drawn \$5,800 salary in advance of having earned it to put it into a telephone company, but denied the charge that the total taken was \$15,000 as the result of a third audit.

Many of the men in the delegation were county officials or business men. They told the board they had the utmost confidence in Hellman's integrity and they wanted him to come back and take up life there. The deficit of \$5,800 was made good. The courthouse burned while the investigation was on, but Hellman's friends do not think he had anything to do with this. They said his conviction was the result of a political feud, and that only the few left on the other side object to his release.

**BUILD BIG ADI-
TION TO STATE HOSPITAL**
Cherokee, Ia., April 9. (Special)—The state will erect a \$150,000 building at the hospital to accommodate the receiving wards for men. The institution is overcrowded.

**INDIANS STILL PRESERVE
THEIR TRIBAL COUNCIL.**
Winnebago, Neb., April 9.—A caucus was held in the American Legion hall here to make nominations for members of the Indian council for the coming year. Only Indians of the Winnebago tribe participated.

Sixteen names were put before the house and from them 12 were chosen to oppose the 12 members of the present council in a general election to be held May 5.

The Indians, while citizens and having the right to vote in all elections, likewise retain the old Indian council, a relic of the days when the white man and his laws were not. It is the function of the council to discuss and act upon matters that are peculiarly tribal, such, for instance, as the renting of lands on the reservation that are yet unallotted and, therefore, belong to the tribe in general. It also deals with claims against the government and makes recommendations to congress relating to proposed laws that are intended to affect the tribe and its interests.

Frequently there is much rivalry as to who shall be on the council and sometimes not a little bitterness is engendered. Of late years the struggle has been between the so-called "old Indians" and the younger generation known as the "progressives." The balance has been pretty well preserved, but with the death of many of the older Indians the progressive party is gradually getting in the lead. George Whitehead, Lawrence Smith, Peter Samson and John Johnson were among the older men who took part in the caucus. Lawrence Smith acted as chairman and Charles D. Rave as secretary.

HAS A HEARSE ON HIS HANDS

**Undertaker Who Sold Business Unable to Unload
Vehicle on Purchaser**

Lincoln, Neb., April 12. (Special)—Charles A. Swanson, erstwhile undertaker at Wahoo, still has his auto hearse on hand. Three years ago he agreed to sell out to Chris Buerstatte and not engage in the business there for five years. He objected to the figure of \$1,000 placed by appraisers on the hearse and the buyer said to keep it and he would rent it. Later Buerstatte got a hearse of his own. Swanson couldn't sell his hearse for \$4,000, and claiming that Buerstatte had broken his contract by not taking it, he started up in business again. Buerstatte secured an injunction in the lower court and the supreme court has held that he was entitled to a permanent order. It also said that it is not against public policy to make a contract of the character mentioned, when it covers only a limited area and as short a period of time as five years.

OIL PIPE LINE TO BE ASSESSED

**Sinclair Nebraska Property
Will Help Bear Some of
State's Expenses**

Lincoln, Neb., April 12. (Special)—Nebraska taxpayers will share in some of the benefits of Harry Sinclair's Teapot Dome lease. In order to carry the oil to the refineries at Kansas and elsewhere Mr. Sinclair has expended millions in a pipe line, with pumping stations and other property of a taxable character, much of this being in Nebraska. It will be put on the tax lists this year. Officers of the company and the assessing authorities are to meet shortly and decide on a method of fixing valuations that will be fair to all of the political subdivisions through which the line runs.

NEBRASKA MAN NEUTRAL IN INSURANCE WAR

Lincoln, Neb., April 12. (I. N. S.)—At the closing meeting of the convention of the State Association of Insurance Agents, Friday evening, Grand Island was selected as the 1925 convention city. C. T. Flower of Grand Island was elected president; John L. Avoni of Sidney, Joe Steele of Fairbury, P. H. Davis of Norfolk, and John Guthrie of Alliance, were elected vice presidents; and Fred Groth of Lincoln, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The convention adopted a resolution declaring its neutrality in the insurance war between the Union and Western Bureau companies.

NEBRASKA EDITORS TO MEET IN OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., April 12.—Omaha will be host to the Nebraska Press association August 21, 22 and 23, it was announced, following an all day meeting of the board of directors and financial secretary of the association here.

KNOW TOO MUCH OF STOLEN GLOVE CACHE

Lincoln, Neb., April 12. (Special)—William Welter, a Johnson county farmer, must serve the three to six years in prison that a district judge sentenced him to. The supreme court refuses to disturb the finding of the jury that his alibi was not good. A bundle of gloves, a part of the loot, was found in his home. A neighbor testified that a lot of the stolen goods were hidden in tin cans on his premises, and that Welter had invited him to help himself, but was told that he would be killed if he informed on him and Jacob Banker, his companion. Welter insisted that he had no knowledge of or part in the robbery.

SPIRIT LAKE TO HAVE MOVIES ON SUNDAYS

Spencer, Ia., April 12. (Special)—Spirit Lake has voted for Sunday movies by majority of 113. Spencer will hold an election on the question of Sunday movies April 21, as the new council is in favor of allowing the people to decide the matter for themselves. Milford has voted against Sunday movies, while it was carried at Hartley by a large majority.

PREPARE TO RAISE BEETS IN TWO COUNTIES

Spencer, Ia., April 12. (Special)—The beet sugar industry for Clay and Dickinson counties is assured, and a load of sugar beet machinery has been received here and sold. C. A. Genet of the Belmont beet sugar factory, has been in Spencer, and says that he will have enough Mexican laborers here next week to take care of all the acreage that is planted.

GRAND ISLAND MAN TO SUCCEED ALDRICH

Lincoln, Neb., April 12. (Special)—W. H. Thompson of Grand Island is to be made the new member of the supreme court to succeed Judge C. H. Aldrich, who died some weeks ago. The Fifth district has no representation now, and the governor waited until the primary result became known. Mr. Thompson ran so far ahead of other candidates that his selection is expected to be announced. Mr. Thompson has been one of the Bryan lieutenants for years.

DEMANDS CASE BE DISMISSED

**Attorney Once Convicted
Wants More Than Mere
New Trial**

Lincoln, Neb., April 10. (Special)—Attorneys for R. C. O'Bryan, whose conviction on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the sale of stock in the Great Western Commercial Body company was recently reversed, have asked the supreme court to order the case dismissed, presenting a number of legal propositions that they say sustain their position. They say that O'Bryan by brow-beating and threats, was made to give testimony against himself before the grand jury, and that while it is possible the case will never again be brought to trial, he is entitled, under the circumstances, to have his mind set at rest and not continue to live under the shadow of fear.

REFUSED SEAT ON EXCHANGE

**Omaha Commission Com-
pany Carries Case to
High Nebraska Court**

Lincoln, Neb., April 10. (Special)—Clay & Company live stock commission men of Omaha, have appealed to the supreme court from a decree that denied them the right to ownership of a seat in the Omaha live stock exchange that they purchased some time ago for L. C. McAdams. Later on McAdams was expelled for taking secret commissions in violation of the rules, and the seat that his employers paid \$2,550 was forfeited and the membership cancelled. The firm presented an application, accompanied by the proper fee, for a transfer of the membership to another person, but the exchange refused. The court sustained this position. The company says it did not retain McAdams' services any longer than it was convinced that the suspicions as to his conduct were justified, while officers of the exchange say that the firm had knowledge of irregularities before they did.

INSURANCE COMPANY WOULD EVADE PAYING

Lincoln, Neb., April 10. (Special)—A new point in insurance law is brought before the supreme court in the appeal of the National Fire of Hartford from a judgment for \$2,035 in favor of F. M. Kellie, a farmer of Hayes county. This was his loss on a policy held for \$5,000. He had given a note for the premium and paid part of the sum due. When the fire occurred the note was past due and the company contends this makes the policy void. The lower court upheld the contention of Kellie's attorneys that the part he had paid on the note was sufficient to carry the policy beyond the date on which the fire occurred.

SAW HER FIRST MOVIE; INVALID 30 YEARS

Columbus, Neb., April 10. (Special)—Miss Bertha Krause saw motion pictures for the first time in her life this week even though she has lived in Columbus since her birth. Although Edison invented motion pictures in 1893—just 31 years ago—30 years have elapsed since Miss Krause has left her bed. For the entire period she has been an invalid. Her amazement and delight knew no bounds when C. A. Wise, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sheldon, brought a motion picture machine to the woman's bedside, put a screen on the bed room wall and ran off two reels of motion pictures showing Columbus street scenes.

"WILD MAN" JUST A HOMESICK BOY

Yankton, S. D., April 10. (Special)—Reports of a "wild man" in the vicinity of Gayville took Sheriff James Foley down there in a hurry. The man was said to be wearing a knotted handkerchief about his head, and to be well armed, with gun and knife. The sheriff found his man, and he proved to be a 15 year old boy, who said he was out hunting. His folks had sent him out from Chicago to work, and he was lonesome and homesick, he said, and wanted to go back. County Judge Virgil D. Boyles gave him meals and lodging until he could be sent back to his folks, and found him anything but wild.

YANKTON FARMER IS HELD AS MOONSHINER

Yankton, S. D., April 11. (Special)—Nels Larson, living 12 miles north of Yankton, was arrested by state and federal officers, and is under \$500 bond to appear in circuit court for trial on a charge of manufacturing liquor. A still, some mash, and liquor were found on his place, officers said.

WOMAN WHO ESCAPED CAPTURED IN MISSOURI

Lincoln, Neb., April 10. (Special)—State Sheriff Carroll has received word of the apprehension at Oregon, Mo., of Mae Wallace, who escaped from the state reformatory at York in December last. She and her husband were arrested there on a charge of passing forged checks. Wallace is wanted in York county on a similar charge, and watch will be kept of his case in Missouri so that he may be brought here when the authorities there are through with him.

BOY LOSES FINGERS AND ONE EYE WHEN STOVE EXPLODES

Ralph McNaughton, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George McNaughton, Lawton, Ia., lost two fingers and the thumb of his right hand and his right eye was gouged out when the stove at the McNaughton home mysteriously exploded Sunday evening. The boy was rushed to a Sioux City hospital where attaches Monday reported his condition as favorable.

It could not be learned just what caused the explosion and it is understood that the members of the McNaughton family themselves are ignorant of what caused it. When the stove exploded the pieces of the shattered oven door struck the boy, one piece striking him in the right eye and the other in the right hand.

GERMANS AGREE TO PROVISIONS OF DAWES PLAN

**Conference of Premiers Ap-
proves Proposal After
Long Debate**

BY KARL H. VONWIEGAND,
Universal Service Correspondent.

Berlin, April 14.—Germany accept the Dawes report in principle. Confirming Universal Service's Saturday cable despatch, following a six-hour conference Monday with the prime ministers of the different German states, the government took a formal decision to answer affirmatively the question put to Berlin by the inter-allied reparations commission. The query, as put by the reparations commission, is ready to give its approval to the report of the experts and to recommend its acceptance to the interested governments. However, before the reparations commission does this, it desires to ask the German government whether it is prepared to assure the co-operation of Germany in the plan of the experts?

Germany, it is announced, will Tuesday give the laconic answer "Yes." The answer will be sent in a written communication to the reparations commission.

As nothing more than acceptance in principle and co-operation was asked of Germany, the latter will not raise any questions nor make any reservations until the discussion of the plans of the experts is begun by the governments.

The conference of premiers voted unanimously the approval of the national governments proposed decision. The vote, however, was preceded by many hours of debate in which particularly Dr. Eugene von Knilling, the Bavarian premier, supported by the premiers of Wurttemberg and Mecklenburg, raised grave doubts as to the practicability of some of the angles of the Dawes report.

They especially demanded that the total sum of Germany's reparations be fixed.

FARM AID WAITS ON U. S. SENATE

**Party Leaders Confer—Dis-
cuss Mellon Probe and
Immigration**

Washington, April 14.—Momentous questions confronted the organization republicans of the Senate today when they went into party conference to discuss a course of action. Their principal task was presented by the pending Japanese exclusion amendment to the Senate immigration bill, on which an agreement was sought despite the feeling of leaders that whether they decided to support or oppose the proposal it would be adopted when it reached a vote.

In addition, however, they had before them the issues developing from President Coolidge's vigorous protest against the trend of the investigation of the internal revenue bureau, which has brought the question of all the Senate investigations of the executive departments in sharp relief with an open breach between the chamber and the White House threatened.

Another problem that was pressing for consideration was the matter of precedence for soldier bonus or revenue legislation and behind that lay the crowded condition of the calendar generally with farm relief and other important measures requiring attention.

COOLIDGE GRATEFUL

Northampton, Mass., April 12.—President Coolidge sent a telegram to his old friends and neighbors expressing thanks for their support of him since he became president.

LONDON FAVORABLE

London, April 12.—Two days study of the reparations experts' report by treasury office officials has failed to uncover any important proposals which are not acceptable to Great Britain.

COUZENS TO HOSPITAL

Washington, April 14.—Senator James Couzens, of Michigan who has been ill with bladder and intestinal trouble, was removed today to Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, for further observation.

COURT IS WITHOUT RIGHT TO SENTENCE WOMAN TO LABOR

Universal Service
Springfield, Ill., April 14.—Hard labor and hard labor are not to go hand in hand in Illinois.

So ruled the state supreme court in setting aside the sentence of Mrs. Lena Panchire, sentenced to "work out" her sentence of \$1,000 and 100 days in jail by working on county roads for about three years at the rate of \$1 a day. Mrs. Panchire had been sentenced for contempt of court in a bootlegging case. She is unable to pay the fine.

"The county court was without authority in sentencing her to hard labor," rules the supreme court. "The law concerning punishment of misdemeanors is not applicable here."

JAPAN'S THREAT FAILS TO SCARE U. S. SENATORS

**Members, in Effect, Vote
Exclusion Amendment Into
Immigration Bill**

BY JAMES R. NOURSE
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Washington, April 14.—Aroused to an angry temper by the threat of Japanese Ambassador Hanihara, the Senate, in effect, voted Japanese exclusion into the immigration bill by the overwhelming vote of 76 to 2.

The vote was on an amendment which repudiated the "gentlemen's agreement" under which Japanese have been enabled to enter, and to strike from the bill this diplomatic refuge which Secretary of State Hughes sought to have recognized.

All that is now needed to make Japanese exclusion certain is the adoption of a formal amendment which will direct that no aliens ineligible to citizenship shall be permitted to enter the United States.

Even without the adoption of such an amendment the bill, as it now stands, strips the Japanese of every vestige of right they had under the "gentlemen's agreement," or other diplomatic exceptions and leaves them without any status whatever, so far as immigration is concerned.

The Senate received reports after its action that President Coolidge may veto the bill. It is taken for granted that the president will be guided by Secretary Hughes, and the latter already has supported the position taken by Hanihara in protesting against any act of exclusion directed against the Japanese as a race.

The vote taken last Saturday when the bill passed the House, and the overwhelming vote recorded in the Senate on shutting out the Japanese from immigration indicate that enough votes may be mustered to pass it over a veto if the president should disapprove it.

Amambassador Hanihara's threat was the factor which switched the votes to the side of the exclusionists.

CRAZED LIQUOR MAKER NABBED

**Hurls Wife and Family From
Window—Shots Barely
Miss Officer**

Chicago, April 14.—Alone in his home with his seven weeks' old son, Anton Ulmonek, reputed bootlegger, exchanged scores of shots with besieging police Sunday on his farm at Hodgkins, Ill., before he finally was subdued.

Crazed by moonshine liquor, said to have been of his own distillation, Ulmonek threw his wife through a closed window, and hurled after her two of the children, Mary, 11 years old and Tony, 18 months old.

Mrs. Ulmonek, who had been cut by the glass, ran to the home of neighbors. After Ulmonek had frustrated efforts of neighbors to remove the baby, an appeal for assistance was sent to the neighboring town of La Grange.

By firing rifles and shot guns from windows on all sides of the house, Ulmonek kept the police at bay. He was captured after he boldly stepped out in front of the house and had fired point blank at Chief L. G. Matthews of the La Grange force, missing him by a hair. The deputies then grappled with the mad man and shackled him.

FAVOR NAVAL AIR DEPOT

Washington, April 24.—The House naval committee today voted in favor of a naval air station at Sand Point, Wash.

Nebraska Bread Weight Law Is Knocked Out

Washington, April 14. (I. N. S.)—The Nebraska law establishing a standard weight loaf of bread was declared invalid by the supreme court of the United States today. The law was attacked by the Jay Burns Baking company, which held it violated the federal constitution by illegal confiscation of property and impairment of contract and "an improper exercise of the state police powers."

"BATTER, UP!" WILL ECHO IN EIGHT PARKS

**Stage Set for Another Season
of Great American
Sport**

GAMES TODAY
American League
St. Louis at Chicago.
Cleveland at Detroit.
Philadelphia at Washington.
New York at Boston.
National League
Boston at Philadelphia.
Brooklyn at New York.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.
Chicago at St. Louis.

BY THOMAS L. CUMMISKEY,
Universal Service Sports Correspondent.

New York, April 14.—Baseball will claim its legions Tuesday. A blue suited man, of a thankless task, will bellow:

"Batter up!"

Up to the plate, as thousands yell and cheer in unalloyed joy, then suddenly still, will go a player, swinging a bat.

Comes the chatter of the players on the field, on the bench, from the coaches on the sidelines, the pitcher winds up, lets go the first ball, and emotions break bounds in shouts and screams of pleasure, or in a rumble of disappointment.

The major league races will be on. A racket that will grow and grow, that will stretch away to the fall, until after the world's series, will commence.

Coolidge To "Pitch"

In eight major league cities there will be a similar scene. There will be the colorful preliminaries, of marching players, of bands playing, and the throwing out of a ball by President Coolidge at Washington and in other cities by mayors or prominent officials.

Behind the wire screens back of the plate will rise the rat-a-tat and crackle of typewriters and telegraph instruments, the low drone of the scribes, sending the play by play.

Before bulletin boards of thousands of newspapers, beside press tickers in countless clubs and elsewhere, will congregate other fans, thrilling, too, to the lure of America's game of games.

What a grip baseball has! How far reaching the interest? How tremendous its sway!

Big Advance Sale

All day Tuesday, for several days, queues of fans have been buying tickets, possessed of a common joy, thanking the luck that gives their city the first game.

The joys of opening day will not be without pang. The scythe of Father time, the exigencies of the game, have taken away old favorites, replaced by new stars or hopefuls. It is so each spring.

This is so, too, with managers in six cases. Jack Hendricks is manager of the Cincinnati Reds, so finely handled by the late Pat Moran, one of the most beloved leaders the game has known. Dave Bancroft, former shortstop and captain of the Giants, is in charge of the Boston Braves.

Young Stanley Harris, looking more like a college captain than a big league boss, is running the Washington Senators. Lee Fohl, stolid, hard working, has replaced Frank Chance, a more colorful man, on the Boston Red Sox. Chance has taken hold of the Chicago White Sox, in place of the inimitable "Kid" Gleason. George Sisler is leading the St. Louis Browns, formerly handled by Fohl.

Sisler Back In Lineup

One of the high lights will be the reappearance of Sisler, a very popular player, at first base for the Browns. Chicago fans, as those everywhere, will render great acclaim to this star, thrown from baseball all last season by the near blindness of an attack of sinus.

Can he come back? All baseball asks. He will give something for an answer Tuesday. But it probably cannot be fully answered for weeks yet. A happy sign is his two hits, one a triple, and faultless fielding Saturday in the Browns and Cardinals game in St. Louis.

"Stop the Yankees!" "Stop the Giants!"

This will be the great cry of the opposing clubs. They and their followers are tired, upset, over the three years' monopoly of the pennants by the two New York teams. Barring possibly the White Sox, Phillies and the Cardinals, who are badly off in catching, all clubs are rated 20 per cent. stronger. A more thrilling race than the past three years is expected.

The Yankees and Giants surely seem in for a tough time. The Yankees are generally considered a better bet than the Giants.

Fully half a million are expected to attend the opening games. If it was other than a day of the workaday world, the capacity of the parks would surely be insufficient. As it is, many are sure to be taxed.

There is every reason to expect a splendid season of thrills, close races and big crowds.

Member of Legislature Has Senatorial Aspirations

Cedar Rapids, Ia., April 14.—(Special)—Representative C. F. Clarke who has been a member of the legislature for the last six years announced that he would not be a candidate in the June primaries. William H. D. Stepanek, local business man, immediately announced that he would seek the nomination. Clarke wants to go to the Senate if "Billy" Haskell decides not to again become a candidate.