

RAILROAD HELD TO PAY DAMAGE

Train Blocked Crossing So Fire Department Couldn't Save Burning Building

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the Stanton county district court which awarded Charles Lueltke a judgment for \$1,500 against the Northwestern Railroad company on his claim that the railroad company was negligent and contributed to the loss by fire of his gasoline plant at Stanton when a freight train blocked the street crossing and delayed the arrival of the fire department.

The court held that it is negligence to leave cars on a highway crossing longer than is necessary for the reasonable conduct of business and that the record shows a contemptuous disregard for the rights of the public to use the crossing under most urgent circumstances. It finds that the train crew took an unreasonable length of time to pull a train away at a time when a hostile and uncontrolled fire was burning a building and was menacing other property.

The company defended on the ground that when the alarm sounded the train was cut and after the chemical engine of the fire department had passed over the crossing the train was recoupled because of the danger to the train, which they wanted to get out of danger.

The defense is sound, the court says, but does not apply since evidence shows that there was unreasonable delay of from five to 17 minutes, and to relieve the company from damages it would be necessary to show that the train pulled away without delay.

COURT REFUSES TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The action of the district court of Cedar county which dismissed a suit brought by Norma Matthews to foreclose a \$16,250 mortgage upon land owned by Fred Gruenther was affirmed by the supreme court. The plaintiff claimed that although the mortgage was not due at the time the action was started, the terms of the mortgage were such that it could be foreclosed when interest and taxes were not paid. Gruenther defended on the ground that the notes called for 10 per cent interest and payment of the tax on the mortgage by the owner of the land, which contracts have not been held usurious. The defendant asked the court for an opinion as to whether an amendment to the old law declaring such contracts not to be usurious was constitutional, he claiming it was invalid, but the court did not enter an opinion on this matter, declaring the act does not apply here because the mortgage was executed while the old law was in effect.

NOW BELIEVED YOUTH WAS NOT KIDNAPED

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Harold Knudson, 13 years old, of Pattonsburg, Mo., knew more about driving a car than his parents suspected, police believe, and the theory that he had been kidnaped by thieves who stole his father's car has been abandoned.

Harold, whose father, Fred Knudson, said he was unable to operate an automobile, disappeared from near Lincoln baseball park together with the Knudson machine, Sunday afternoon.

The boy was asleep in the car when his parents went to the ball game, officers were told, and the parents expressed belief their son and the car had been stolen by two "bums" Knudson had seen near the ball field.

Tuesday, however, word was received from Mound City, Mo., that a small boy had been seen driving a car answering the description of the Knudson automobile had been seen there Monday.

Parents of the boy have turned their attention to trying to locate their son in Missouri. They expressed belief he would not go far before exhaustion of gasoline and what money he had would necessitate him stopping.

CAR TOOK DIVE INTO OLD SWIMMING HOLE

Niobrara, Neb.—(Special)—Kenneth Hunt had a novel experience Sunday when he and a number of young men drove to the Niobrara river to take a swim. On the way a contention arose as to who could get into the water first. Young Hunt drove his car straight for the "old swimming hole" and turning off the switch leaped out. In some way the switch did not turn off when the car beat them all into the river. It lay there taking a magnificent bath and refused to come out in spite of the coaxing and threats of its owner. The swift current washed the sand from under the upper side and the car gradually sank until just the top was visible by the time a truck and a couple of plank were secured.

Niobrara, Neb.—(Special)—Actual construction of the grade for the spur line of rail road to the Missouri river bridge site was begun Monday morning. Work will be rushed and actual bridge material delivered at the earliest possible date. Mr. Cox, subcontractor and Theisen Brothers is doing the work.

FEWER PASSENGERS BUT REVENUES INCREASED

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Revenues of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company continue to increase at the rate of \$500 a day, according to the report on operations under the new rate schedule, filed Thursday and covering a nine-day period.

The increase represents a 7.27 per cent improvement over the same period a year ago, the report states. The number of passengers carried meantime, is declining, the report states, the decrease for the nine-day period being 12.17 per cent.

THIRD YOUTH CONVICTED CRIMINAL ASSAULT CHARGES

Teumseh, Neb.—(UP)—Eos Jennings, Auburn high school youth was found guilty by a jury in district court here Tuesday night on charges of criminal assault on an Auburn high school girl. Two other Auburn youths, companions of Jennings, recently were tried and found guilty on similar charges. Their sentences of seven and five years in the state reformatory have been appealed to the supreme court.

WOMEN BLAMED FOR ROBBERIES

Said to Have Induced Army Man to Aid Them in the Work

Valentine, Neb.—(Special)—Two women giving the names of Helen and Myrtle Doe and a corporal from Fort Robinson were arrested near Cody and brought here following an orgy of burglaries begun with the robbery of a farm house near Chadron.

The women are said to have driven a big coach to Fort Robinson, persuading Corporal Des Jardin to accompany them. At the Tom Schumacher home, where no one was present, they stole dresses, other wearing apparel, toilet articles and a new electric iron. Later they sold Fred Zanger's new car.

At Merriman they broke into a filling station, taking a can and 10 gallons of gas. At Cody they robbed a store of groceries and cigars.

A posse was formed at Cody and the three arrested. The women refuse to give their real names.

LARGE MUSEUM GIVEN LIBRARY

Collection Started Nearly 100 Years Ago on Exhibition at Orleans, Neb.

Orleans, Neb.—(UP)—One of the most complete private museum collections in the state is now on display in the Cordelia B. Preston library here, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wickens, of Orleans, as a memorial to their son, Ivan.

The greater part of the collection was assembled by Ivan Wickens, but it was started by Ivan's grandfather, nearly 100 years ago, and additions were made also by Albert Wickens, father of Ivan.

Ivan became interested in taxidermy and spent much of his time searching along the Republican river and the "bluffs" near Orleans, for interesting additions to the then large collection. He died at the age of 19 of arsenic poisoning, contracted while working with the poison which he used in mounting specimens.

One wing of the library is used to display the thousands of pieces of which the collection consists. Indian relics, a collection of skeletons of rare and extinct animals, native Nebraska birds, canes, old firearms, and old books are included.

Several offers to sell the entire collection and individual pieces have been refused, Wickens said.

The moving of the museum to the library was personally supervised by the octogenarian donor.

The library, which houses the collection is itself a memorial, given to Orleans by James McPreston, pioneer lumber and hardware dealer at Orleans. It was constructed in 1917 at a cost of \$20,000 and is endowed for \$20,000. It now includes 5,500 volumes.

DAKOTA COUNTY HAS NO JUSTICES OF PEACE

Homer, Neb.—(Special)—Dakota county has the unique distinction of having no justices of the peace in any of its precincts, according to county authorities. Although the law provides that such officials may be elected and several have been elected they have failed to qualify. G. C. Davis was elected justice of the peace for Homer but refused to qualify.

Minor cases hitherto taken up by the court of the justice of the peace are now under the jurisdiction of the county court except as in the case of South Sioux City where a regular police department is maintained.

"KIDNAPED" BOY JUST WENT OF OWN ACCORD

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Harold Knudson, 13 years old, who underwent voluntary separation from his parents here, Sunday afternoon when he disappeared with the family car, is safe at his home in Pattonsburg, Mo., officers here have learned.

The boy was at first believed to have been kidnaped, as his parents stated he had been left asleep in the car near a local baseball park and was unable to operate the machine.

Federal FARM FACTS

Farm wages on April 1 were the lowest for that date ever recorded by the United States bureau of agricultural economics. The bureau's index of farm wages stood at 102 per cent of the 1910-14 period, which is three points above the January index of 1930 and five below that of April, 1929. The reason given is the large supply of farm labor caused by the small volume of industrial employment at present.

The livestock industry must modernize and junk its obsolete methods, is the advice given by Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry. He urges livestock men to rid their herds of low production cattle, scrub and grade sires, and animals affected with communicable diseases.

The new 1933 department of agriculture's yearbook of agriculture is off the press. It contains a wealth of material and instructions on scientific farming.

United States citizens consumed less meat in 1929 than in 1928, according to a recent survey taken by the department of agriculture. Consumption for 1929 totaled 16,303,000,000 pounds, while that of 1928 was 16,955,000,000 pounds.

Furthering its research work in foreign fields, the department of agriculture has H. L. Westover and W. E. Whitehouse, of the bureau of plant industry, surveying the plains of central Asia for new varieties of alfalfa, melons, apples, apricots and almonds.

A cotton fiber sorting machine developed by Dr. R. W. Webb of the bureau of agriculture economics, is said to be very accurate in separating cotton fibers according to length. It is a great improvement over other machines and over hand separation.

The shifting of the farm population to cities was less rapid in 1928 than it was in former years. According to the department of agriculture, 1,876,000 persons moved from farms to cities last year, as compared with 1,923,000 in 1928; 1,978,000 in 1927, and a peak of 2,155,000 in 1926.

Feed your dairy animals more protein in the form of legume hays is the advice of the bureau of dairy industry. About three times as much digestible protein as one of timothy hay, and an acre of alfalfa hay nearly seven times as much.

The High Cost of War

From Louisville Courier-Journal. In an address on Armistice day, 1927, in which he defended his policy of isolation and lectured Europe for its failure to understand the United States, President Coolidge vigorously disclaimed the charge that America had made a profit out of the World War, and declared that "up to the present time our own war costs, after allowing for our foreign debt reductions, are about \$3,500,000,000. The gross cost of that speech are fortunately now in the past. Its sharp language is forgotten. Its implication that Europe might stew in its own juice have left no lasting impressions. The figures emphasizing the high cost of warfare alone remain.

In a statement just issued by the treasury department they are re-emphasized. There is a slight difference due to the passage of time and the fact that Mr. Coolidge was dealing with approximate figures. The \$3,500,000,000 has become \$37,573,950,000, or rather this was the net cost of the war on June 30, 1929. The gross cost is the appalling sum of \$81,400,000,000, which figure is not only the cost for carrying on the struggle and loans to the Allies, but adjusted compensation, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and hospitalization. As the treasury points out, the American people are paying more than \$1,000,000,000 this year as a result of the war. It also indicates that war costs and the annual bill for national defense make up about 66 per cent of all government expenditures.

Such facts as these must be taken into account in the recurring arguments in favor of war debt cancellation. In spite of its material prosperity the United States is shouldering a burden four times as great as that imposed on Germany by the Young plan. These facts also should be a forceful deterrent to war and an argument in favor of disarmament, but seemingly they are not.

Q. What is known as colonial architecture? B. W.

A. When speaking of colonial buildings, none should be included of a date later than 1776. In New England most of the buildings of colonial times were of wood and were built by carpenters who also were shipbuilders. These artisans developed a style that had a flavor of its own and differed in many respects as to detail from that done in New York, where the settlers had a Dutch background, which was again different from the English background of New England. The colonial style of Pennsylvania is characterized by sturdiness and solidity. Most of the buildings were of brick or stone and the detail was not so delicate as that of New England.

Slippery

From Hit-Bits. Mr. Jones was going to town, so his wife asked him to call at the grocer's and order a pound of butter, two pounds of lard, and three gallons of oil.

"All right," said Jones, "but I'm sure all those greasy things will slip my mind."

Q. What is vodka made of? E. O. W.

FRENCH MART 200 YEARS OLD

Historical Society Plans Celebration at New Orleans Site

BY HODDING CARTER. United Press Correspondent. New Orleans—(UP)—The old French market will celebrate its 200th anniversary of supplying food and color to New Orleans and its visitors this spring.

Historians say this haunt of gourmets has the oldest continuous history of any spot in North America devoted to the sale of food. And with its age is an unequalled glamour.

In a city which takes its food and traditions alike—seriously—the combination is important and fitting ceremonies will be held.

Two hundred years ago the French market dispensed the same delicacies that make it famous now—red snapper for court-bouillon, pompano, crayfish and the tiny river shrimp, moss stuffed baskets of crabs dedicated to fragrant gumbo, fruits of the near-tropics, rice, salad-fixes, vegetables. Generations of housewives, and chefs' assistants have hovered there, searching for bargains and new delicacies.

A century ago the whole of New Orleans centered about the market. Nearby was the Place d'Armes and the Cathedral. Over the levee below poised the masts of ships from the old country.

Through the high and troubled times of history the old market passed with few changes. Andrew Jackson paused there. Lafayette drank there the black French-drip coffee that finds partisans throughout the world. There Thackeray took notes, and Jenny Lind wendyly sniffed the mingled odors.

Under four flags it dispensed food. French soldiers, O'Reilly's Spaniards, the patriots whom they shot, bluff Tennessee riflemen came with each turned page of history. Ragged Confederates reluctantly left the stalls, and triumphant blue-clad invaders experimented with the food that sustained the army rations they had known.

Presidents of a later day frequented it. Roosevelt loved it, and Taft paid tribute by eating a giant tureen of river shrimp bought there. Harding, old residents say, enjoyed its delicacies when a senator.

Through it all, the old market went serenely about the business of feeding its people. When the French quarter became the residence of the immigrants it late in the last century, it fed the immigrant along with the visiting grandee. When living in the quarter became the fad of the artist, and society came to drink midnight coffee there, the market served all impartially.

The Louisiana Historical society plans to commemorate fittingly these 200 years of service and history. The anniversary celebration will come just in time. For the old market is to be destroyed. Where the old stalls stand a sanitary modern market will be erected as soon as the necessary planning and legislation is accomplished. But, say its devotees, it will still be the old French market.

Even Indians Were Restless

An Associated Press writer at Pierre notes an "undercurrent of unrest" politically in South Dakota. There may have been a time when there was no undercurrent of political unrest here but that was before the politicians took the state away from the Indians.—Soux Falls (S. D.) Argus-Leader.

First Apple Orchard

In delving into early history it has been discovered that the first apple orchard set out in Iowa was by a half-breed Indian on a tract of ground that is now within the confines of the corporate limits of Montrose, Lee county. This orchard was set out between 1795 and 1793. It was found growing when the first white settlers made their appearance in that section of the territory of Wisconsin as it was then called. The state horticultural society is planning on placing a marker on the spot with proper ceremonies on August 8th.—LeMars (Ia.) Sentinel.

Wear No Man's Label

Miss Pyle has announced that she will remain "regular." She will support the republican ticket from top to bottom. Regularity in South Dakota is the general policy of the politicians but it is less so with the voters who do not appear to feel that they are under any obligation to the custodians of the party label.—Wagner (S. D.) Press.

We Suspect Some of 'Em

Men may patronize beauty parlors, as alleged, but it will be many a day before they will dig out vanity powder, powder the face and paint the tips in public.—Waterloo (Ia.) Tribune.

Q. With the difference in height above sea level of the various Great Lakes, what retains the water in their various basins? F. M. P.

A. These differences result from the restricted passageways between the lakes. The outlets of the higher lakes are not of sufficient depth to permit their surfaces to reach the levels of the lower lakes into which they drain.

Just Indignation

From Kasper, Stockholm. Lily: My fiance wrote to say he wanted to be married very soon to the most charming girl in the world. Violet: The wretch! After promising to marry you?

BELIEVE MISSING OMAHA BANKER NOW IN CANADA

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Unless charges are filed against him, Omaha police will not participate full heartedly in the hunt for E. L. Droste, vice-president of First National bank, who disappeared here Wednesday. Chief of Detectives Paul Haze has notified bank officials.

Following Droste's disappearance bank officials said he was short about \$25,000 in his account. No criminal charges were filed against him, however.

Droste is believed to have entered Canada, Friday. He was seen and recognized by an Omaha friend at Sioux City Wednesday. A car believed to be the one he rented from a driverless company here was reported to have passed a Canadian customs office in Manitoba, Friday.

BOYCOTT TALK ONLY A BLUFF

Omaha Publisher Says Europe to Soon Forget Tariff Measure

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Threatened boycott of American products by European nations was characterized as a "bluff" by Val J. Peter, publisher of the Omaha Daily Tribune, German language newspaper, who returned from an extended European tour Saturday.

"Germany is the only nation which has not threatened to boycott our goods because of the new tariff bill," Peter said. "I was thoroughly disgusted by the attitude of American newspapers printed in Paris in deriding the new tariff and by speeches delivered by visiting Americans in the same vein."

He predicted the boycott will soon be forgotten. Europe will offer a poor market for American wheat this year, Peter said. He reported prospects for wheat crops in all countries the best in years. The situation has been changed for the rice farmers of Germany by passage of a law forcing millers to mix at least 40 per cent rye with wheat.

Henry Wood, formerly of Omaha, who is the United Press correspondent attached to the league of nations at Geneva, is regarded as best informed correspondent in Europe. Peter reported, Wood, he said, was recuperating from a severe illness while he was in Switzerland but expected to return to his desk shortly.

YOUNG WOMAN PASSES WORTHLESS CHECKS

Neligh, Neb.—(UP)—Officers are searching for an attractive young woman who called on several stores, made small purchases, and gave checks in payment. The checks, which bore the name of Ralph Lewis, were found to be forgeries. The young woman, officers said, netted about \$50 on the transactions.

MEDALS FOR BOY SCOUTS WHO SAVED WOMAN'S LIFE

Alliance, Neb.—(UP)—Two boy scouts, Marvin Totten, 13 years old, and George Woodard, 12, who saved Mrs. John Bowker from drowning June 23, will receive gold medal awards from F. G. Bonfils, publisher of the Denver Post, it is learned.

BELIEVE AMNESIA VICTIM IS KANSAS CITY MAN

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Relatives of George Pricke, of Kansas City, Mo., were expected here Monday to attempt to identify an amnesia victim, who appeared at police station here and asked help in locating himself.

ASKING DIVORCE AFTER BEING MARRIED 37 YEARS

Madison, Neb.—Mrs. John Reikofski of Tjden, married 37 years and the mother of 12 children has filed suit for divorce here from her husband, John Reikofski, alleging extreme cruelty over a period of years.

She asks division of the property which she says was accumulated partly through her efforts. She alleges that as a dowry she brought him \$1,000 which was used to build up their farm which he had paid \$800 for and still owed at the time of their marriage.

EDITOR'S DAUGHTER WAS SECRETLY MARRIED

Hartington, Neb.—A surprise marriage was revealed by the announcement of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. O'Furey, of Hartington, that their only daughter, Geraldine Elsa, had become the bride of James Paul Cody, of Lincoln, at Wahoo, Neb., March 1. Miss O'Furey's father is editor and publisher of the Cedar County News.

TRUCK BURNS ON RETURN TRIP FROM SIOUX CITY

Royal, Neb.—(Special)—A large truck belonging to Ira Hamilton was burned Tuesday morning as it was being driven back from Sioux City. The \$2,000 loss is covered by insurance.

BANKER'S TRIAL PUT OFF WEEK

Crash of Touhy Institution to Be Aired in Court at David City

David City, Neb.—(UP)—Continuance of one week was granted by District Judge Hastings Monday in the trial of Charles C. Carek, former cashier of the State bank of Touhy, who is charged in five counts with violations of state banking laws.

At the opening of the hearing, attorneys for Carek asked that all five counts be consolidated in one charge. The consolidation was granted in four instances but overruled in the fifth.

Motion was then made by Assistant Attorney General Irvin Sallmaster, state prosecutor, for a week's continuance. The motion was granted.

Charges were placed against Carek following the failure of the Kirchman chain of banks, of which the Touhy bank was a member.

WATER RATES AT LYONS GIVEN BIG SLASH

Lyons, Neb.—(Special)—Water rates in Lyons, have recently been cut in half. The price heretofore was 50 cents per 1,000 gallons for the first 20,000 gallon, each quarter. The new rates apply to meters only, the flat rate being \$2.25 for the quarter in modern home.

LYONS TO VOTE ON PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL

Lyons, Neb.—(Special)—A special school election will be held July 25 for the purpose of voting in the proposition of erecting an addition to the public school building, the cost not to exceed \$55,000.

HUGE DERRICK FALLS, NO ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—An 80-foot derrick, weighing between 12 and 14 tons, in use at the new Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company building, crashed to the street shortly before noon Monday, bringing with it many high voltage light and power wires and grazing the leg of Claire McAtee, a workman, as he leaped to safety.

McAtee had been helping unload a car of sand, and was "spotting" the big bucket in the car almost beneath the derrick when it fell. A cable tangled in the crane whipped across his leg, lacerating it deeply. All others escaped injury.

BOULDER DEDICATED TO OREGON TRAIL PIONEERS

Scottsbluff, Neb.—(UP)—A great granite boulder and two bronze plaques, commemorating the pioneers who traveled over the old Oregon trail, were dedicated here Tuesday afternoon before officials of the Oregon Trail Memorial association, and several hundred western Nebraskans.

Tuesday night a dinner, in honor of the guests of the city, was to be held at the Lincoln hotel here, bringing the program to a close.

The huge granite boulder, brought to the foot of Scottsbluff by the Union Pacific railway from the Sherman Hill, Wyo., quarries, was a gift of the railroad to the Daughters of the American Revolution. The bronze plaques will be attached to the boulder, as soon as its faces can be cut.

SERVICE COMPANY SAYS FRANCHISE TAX ALL WRONG

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Complaint of the Central West Service company against its franchise assessment was heard at the meeting of the state board of assessment and equalization. The company operates in Boone, Dakota, Madison and Platte counties.

NEBRASKA FARMER ENDS OWN LIFE WITH GUN

North Platte, Neb.—(UP)—John Burked, farmer at Bignell, died late Monday from effects of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He had driven his car to the roadside near the Fred Payne farm here, and shot himself in the temple. Payne, noticing the car, discovered Burke shortly he was still alive. He died shortly afterward.

OMAHA POLICE JUDGE SAYS 'GET THE BIG FELLOWS'

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Police Commissioner Westergard's triple moral squad was berated by Police Judge Sophus Nebel in police court Monday for "picking on the small fellow."

Nebel dismissed charges against 26 negroes who were arrested in a raid on the Apex pool hall after officers testified that the "kitty" totaled only \$25. Raising "10-cent ante" games is pretty small stuff, his honor said.

"Go out and get the big fellows," the judge ordered Detective Sergeant Bob Donahue who has charge of the gambling wing of the morals squad. "If you don't know where they are you must be blind."

"The same thing applies to the liquor and vice squad. Don't be bringing men possessing a few quarts of beer down here. Get the big bottleggers and get the men who are responsible for the women of the street."

BEING IMPROVED

Norfolk, Neb.—(UP)—Improvements are being made to the Madison county fair grounds here in preparation for the annual county fair which will be held the second week in September. O. A. Sunderman, president of the fair board announced.

One new exhibition building is being erected and the Fine Arts building is to be roofed before opening day. Poultry buildings also are being remodeled and improved. Sunderman said. New water mains already have been installed.