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The Ossenkop Murder Case

Being Stubbornly Fought By Both Sides.

The jury returned Tuesday morning for the purpose of the continuance of the trial of Fred Ossenkop, charged with the murder of Charles Byrne. Three weeks ago after the State had submitted its evidence in chief and rested its case, the court adjourned the trial for a period of three weeks owing to two or three of defendant's witnesses being under quarantine for small-pox. The jury was permitted to separate over the defendant's objection. The State withdrew its rest and renewed its introduction of testimony.

After the adjournment of court on February 9th, the State procured the exhuming of the body of Charles Byrne, and the holding of a post-mortem examination of the body by Dr. Munger and Neely of Elmwood, on February 23rd.

Dr. I. C. Munger was called by the State and testified that the post-mortem developed the lower jaw as dislocated on the right side, tissues below were clotted with blood. The body was opened through the chest developing hemorrhage. Bruises and contusions were much in evidence at the left temple. Skull was fractured from the temple. A large black and blue spot was found about one inch in diameter at the back of the skull. Other black and blue spots were found in the same location. Another fracture was developed below these spots. Witness by the use of the skull explained the location of the several injuries. Witness found brain much congested with blood. Blood clots were found all over the brain. Witness then testified to investigating the matter of dislocated neck. Neck was not broken, the vertebra being in correct position.

Witness produced photographs of Byrnes' body taken at the time of the post-mortem which were offered in evidence to show the jury, the exact condition of the head and body.

At the conclusion of Dr. Munger's testimony the State rested its case. Defense commenced by introducing a number of witnesses who testified as to the peaceable character of defendant. The defense then proceeded to contradict the testimony of several witnesses who had formerly testified for the State. Then photographs were introduced to show cuts and scratches upon the neck of defendant, as they appeared on Sept. 20th. Also photographs of the locations of the parties at the point where Byrne fell.

A number of witnesses testified that Byrne and Ossenkop were friends, and were seen in friendly conversation on the day of the trouble. Yesterday morning when the court opened the crowd filled the court room. The greater part of the day was consumed by the defense in contradicting the State's witnesses. A number of defendant's witnesses made flat contradictions of the State's witnesses on practically all the material points in the case. The case is being vigorously contested

on both sides. Attorney Doyle of Lincoln pressing closely every point for the prosecution, and Mr. Gering making his usual strong defense in the case. The case has not yet been concluded.

Paul Johnson Here.

Paul Johnson, one of the substantial citizens of Alvo, arrived in the city Monday to be one of the witnesses in the Ossenkop trial. Mr. Johnson has retired from the farm and can afford to take life a little easier. He is one of the pioneer citizens of western Cass county and is a political power in his community. We are always pleased to meet the men who have made Nebraska what she is.

Loud Socks Don't Go

Down in Beatrice the public schools seem to have a wider scope than obtains elsewhere. Not only is the young idea taught how to shoot, but the faculty seems to be the court of last resort in fashion matters. Recently a number of young men were suspended for wearing red, white and blue hosiery, and were only reinstated upon apologizing and agreeing in the future to consult the powers that be before introducing any innovations in the matter of wearing apparel.

Ice is Moving Rapidly

The ice in the Platte river commenced moving Sunday and now has assumed immense proportions. Fears are entertained at various places along the line that bridges may be taken out and the Burlington, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific railroads, as well as county organizations have large forces of men at several places along the river to keep down the gorges. The Missouri river at this point is carrying much ice.

Standing of Contestants

Harriette Adams, Plattsmouth	10,800
Stewart B. Rough, Nehawka	9,200
Zetta Brown, Murray	8,400
E. H. Miller, Murdock	7,600
J. R. Noyes, Louisville	7,600
Ione Kiser, Mynard	3,600
Pearl Woodard, Elmwood	2,400
L. E. Hickey, Gretna	1,600
C. H. Sheldon, Plattsmouth	1,200
Pauline Burris, Plattsmouth	1,200

As will be seen from the above table some changes have taken place in the relative standing of the contestants. Miss Harriette Adams has moved up to first place, with Stewart Rough of Nehawka as a close second, and Miss Zetta Brown of Murray and E. H. Miller of Murdock not far behind. Another contestant appears this week and we are assured by her friends that she will be a hustler, Miss Pearl Woodard, of Elmwood.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

See us for sale bills.

C. A. Marshall, dentist

The Majestic, 5 and 10 cents.

Dr. A. P. Barnes went to Omaha yesterday morning.

Something new in post cards every week. Nemetz & Co. next to P. O.

The Nehawka Register reports that several residents of that thriving little city are suffering from automobilitis.

If you have legal rights to enforce call on J. E. Douglass, Attorney, Office in Coates Block. 80-8

Photo post cards of Taft at Plattsmouth. Now on sale—Ten different views at 5c each. Nemetz & Co. next to P. O.

Now is the time to have your piano tuned. Mr. Becker of the Plattsmouth Music Co. is an experienced man in this line of work.

Job printing of all descriptions is promptly executed at the NEWS-HERALD office. Let us figure with you on your requirements.

The last issue of the Louisville Courier was a hummer from every standpoint and would be a credit to a city several times the size of Louisville.

Albert Carter, the man who was so seriously injured some time ago by the premature explosion of dynamite at Weeping Water, has so far recovered as to be able to walk around some by the use of canes.

A spring sale of table linens, napkins and towels is the attraction at Dovey's this week, and a reference to their announcement on the editorial page of this paper will convince you that a lot of genuine bargains are being offered.

S. O. Cole of Murray left Tuesday for a visit with a brother who resides at Stettler, Alberta, Canada. Mr. Cole has recently disposed of one of his Cass county farms and if he finds conditions favorable he will purchase some pro-

perty in the northland.

Great preparations are being made for the opening of Falter & Thierolf's new clothing store next Saturday. From a reference to their ad in this issue it will be seen that there will be music, cut flowers and cigars, and everybody is invited and expected to be present.

J. E. Barwick is a new advertiser in the NEWS-HERALD. Mr. Barwick has recently embarked in the real estate business and has a temporary office located just north of the postoffice. Plattsmouth real estate is going to be an excellent article of trade the coming year and we predict a good measure of success for Mr. Barwick.

The newspapers of both Louisville and Nehawka are talking of organizing boosting clubs. The spirit of progress is abroad in the land and the NEWS-HERALD makes the prediction that Cass county will this year make unprecedented strides in every direction of activity. We should like to see a "booster's" club organized in every town and hamlet in the county.

M. Hild, the furniture man, is this month talking to the readers of the NEWS-HERALD about new things in the furniture line which will soon be needed. The annual housecleaning time draws on apace, and the thrifty housewife will have her eyes open for offerings of articles which are bound to be needed at that time. See Mr. Hild's announcement in another column.

George Schanz, Jr., of Evangeline, La., returned last week to his home after spending several days in this vicinity visiting with friends and relatives. Word has just reached this city that upon his arrival at his home he found that he had become the father of a handsome daughter, the young lady having arrived during his absence. Naturally he is feeling quite jubilant as also are Grandpa and Grandma Schanz in this city.

Louisville Happenings

Special Correspondence.

Theo. Hein was in Plattsmouth Tuesday.

Bert Clifford went to Nebraska City Tuesday.

W. A. Cleghorn left Tuesday for Colorado.

Mr. Wrigal of Ashland was a guest of the Drakes Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Jacobson March 3, 1909, a girl.

Mr. Aug. Timmon of South Bend was in Louisville Tuesday.

Rachel Stander has been absent from school on account of sickness.

Mrs. Dr. Thomas of Memphis visited yesterday with Mrs. John Kook.

Mr. Chas. Gerlach moved his family from the farm into Manley this week.

C. E. Metzgar of Cedar Creek, returned from a trip to California Monday.

Mesdames Henry Ahl and Otto Sprague were Omaha passengers Tuesday.

Mrs. Nutter from Alsester, South Dakota visited her brother Claud Rand this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Worthman entertained Mrs. Wm. Worthman of Seward, Neb., over Sunday.

Emmons Richey of Plattsmouth visited in this city with his brother, Charles Richey.

Miss Myrtle Suter left Monday for De Witt, Neb., to nurse her sister Mrs. Fort who is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Diers of Fulton, Neb., are guests of Wm. Diers and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meisinger of Plattsmouth Sundayed with Wm. Hoover and family.

Mrs. W. A. Cleghorn Sundayed in Elmwood with her sister Mrs. Wm. Stander who is sick.

The W. C. T. U. held a meeting yesterday at the Christian church. A special program was the feature of the day and a large attendance was present.

A big wolf hunt was participated in by a number of people southwest of town yesterday afternoon. Two coyotes were slaughtered. Will Wendt getting one of them and Ed Bronkow the other.

E. E. Clark at Norfolk

Interstate Commerce Commissioner E. E. Clark has been engaged to address the convention of the Nebraska league of commercial clubs which will be held in Norfolk on the 18th of the present month.

Mr. Clark's speech, it is understood will be in the nature of an explanation of what the commission is trying to do with the present law, and of the reason why the west ought to support every effort to strengthen the act. The commission today announced its decision in the famous old Spokane rate cases which has been pending in various forms about twenty years. The railroads are sweepingly defeated, and big reductions in state rates are ordered, which will have to be extended as soon as possible to the whole country between the Missouri and the Cascade mountains. The committee expects that this decision will be fought by the railroads to the limits of the courts.

Preaching By Telephone

The very latest use to which the telephone has been put is the transmission of sermons to invalids or others who for various reasons may find it inconvenient to attend church. Two churches at Hastings have installed the innovation. A large transmitter is placed upon the pulpit, into which the pastor talks as he delivers his sermons, and those wishing the service connect with the line. The scheme is said to work perfectly.

Death Sunday at Wabash

Mrs. Charlotte Brown, wife of J. C. Brown, living near Wabash, died Sunday morning. She was about forty years old and is survived by her husband and six children. The funeral will be held from the Baptist church, at 4 o'clock on Tuesday. Mrs. Brown was a sister of Asa and William Coalman and was a well known and highly respected Christian woman.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Divine service at 11 a. m. Subject "Man."

Mid-week meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Church is located on Sixth street, two blocks south of Main street. The public is cordially invited to all services. The reading room in the Coates block is open ever Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Farms For Sale.

I am offering a farm for sale two miles south-west of Mynard at ninety dollars per acre. Also one 3 1/2 miles south-east of Murray. Earl V. Cole, Mynard, Neb. 74-8

Resigns Secretaryship

At the last regular meeting of the Knights and Ladies of Security Monday evening W. S. Soper handed in his resignation of the position of financial secretary of that organization, and Miss Edith Buzzell was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Soper also resigned as second vice president, and Mrs. Whelen was chosen as her successor. The local lodge is very loth to lose two such faithful workers as Mr. and Mrs. Soper, but wish them well in their new location.

New Band For Plattsmouth

The suggestion has been made to the NEWS-HERALD that the commercial club should take some steps looking to the formation of a good strong brass band organization in this city. There are times when every city feels the need of a good brass band and we believe the suggestion to be a good one. We understand that steps are already being taken looking to the merging of the old Bohemian organization and a similar one composed of members of the Modern Woodmen lodge. This would doubtless bring together the best musicians of the city, and the result would be a band of which the city might be justly proud, and the commercial club would doubtless extend to it every encouragement proper.

Editors Want Corn Show

Nebraska Press Association Endorses Movement.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 26: The Nebraska Press Association has added its endorsement to the movement of the National Corn Growers' Association to establish and make permanent an annual corn exposition in the west.

To the end which the Corn Growers' Association is seeking, the editors pledged their moral help and support by unanimously passing resolutions at the annual meeting of the association which just adjourned in this city.

The resolutions follow: Whereas, carefully compiled statistics show that the average annual yield of corn per acre in Nebraska is approximately 23 bushels, and if by a more careful selection of seed-corn and the adoption of improved methods of cultivation, the production annually increased only five bushels per acre, it will annually increase the wealth of Nebraska to an amount in excess of \$20,000,000, which wealth will be beneficial to all the people of our state, he it.

Resolved, that this association approve and endorse the efforts of the National Corn Growers' Association to establish and make permanent an annual corn exposition in the west, national and educational, and be it the sense of this association that its members collectively and individually, give this commendable movement their moral help and support.

The National Corn Exposition organized by the Corn Growers' Association was held in Chicago in 1907 and continued in Omaha in 1908. As the show at Omaha was a great success, the association has decided to hold the show at Omaha each year. The editors of Nebraska and surrounding states have been of great assistance in establishing the show and the adoption of the resolutions means they appreciate what the accomplishment of its purposes means to the State of Nebraska and the West.

When buying candies, why not buy the best? We always have a fine line of the superior grades on hand. Nemetz & Co. next to P. O.

THE PRUDENT PURCHASER

as a rule, in whatever he is buying, looks first at the quality, and then at the price of the article in question.

This is where our Quality Clothes win out. We do not claim they are the cheapest on the market, but we do claim there are none better. We are prepared to support our claim by a positive guarantee wherein we stand back of the clothes you stand in.

We are showing new spring lines of

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Before eight o'clock on Saturday morning we will remove the board covering now over the front of our store, ready to welcome you into one of the most up-to-date clothing stores in the State.

We want our OPENING DAY to become an everlasting memory in the minds of the people.

There will be music, cut flowers and cigars, plenty of them and all free.

We want you to come in even though you do not care to make a purchase. We want to get acquainted with you.

Everything will smack of newness in our new store.



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