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Trial Progress- ing Slowly

The John Clarence murder trial is progressing slowly, with nothing of a startling nature being developed in the evidence. The state completed its evidence Thursday. Hon. Matthew Gering, who was employed to prosecute the case has shown in his handling of the case that he is as much at home as a prosecutor as he is in the defense of a criminal case. The defense is introducing its evidence upon the theory that the shooting was done in self-defense. The evidence taken before the coroner's inquest has been used by Attorney Clark for the defense on his cross-examinations with a telling effect. One or two witnesses for the state undertook to tell a very different story as to what occurred at the time of the shooting from what they told under oath before the coroner's jury. It was quite apparent that somehow after four months, what they had seen on the day of the shooting and told shortly thereafter on oath had greatly changed and all the changes in their stories were to the advantage of the prosecution. It was so apparent that the jury would doubtless take cognizance of it.

The fact of the shooting and of the death of John P. Thacker are undisputed. The question of just when and how the shooting took place is where the conflict in the evidence arises. The witnesses for the state with some degree of variance testified that two shots were fired before Thacker reached Clarence or struck him, and the third shot was fired after Clarence had been thrown or knocked down by Thacker. The defense will undertake and is undertaking to show that Thacker had struck Clarence or was in the very act of striking him with a heavy club, when Clarence fired the first shot. It will

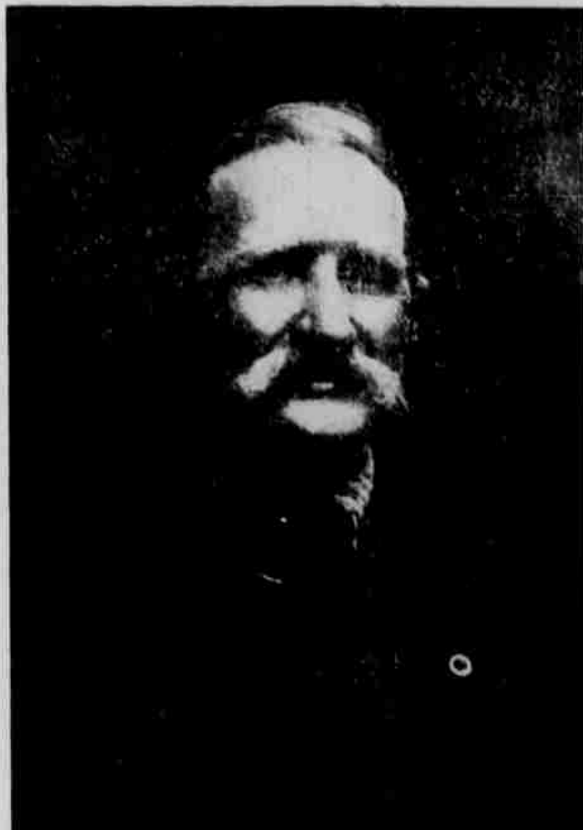
be a question as to what view the jury may take of this particular part of the incident as to what may be the outcome of the case.

The spectators are quite widely divided in their several views of what the evidence proves. But, the probabilities are that the jurors being wholly unprejudiced and fair minded will be better able to find a correct verdict than the spectators, who are moved by prejudices either for or against the accused. It is now probable that the case will go the jury Wednesday.

Burkett Has Narrow Escape

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Senator Burkett of Nebraska, O. Skyback, secretary of the Norwegian legation, and several others had a miraculous escape from serious injury tonight, when the automobile in which they were riding skidded while crossing the Sligo, Md., bridge, ten miles northwest of this city, and was prevented from plunging over with its occupants by the chauffeur's presence of mind and quickness in applying brakes. They were returning from a dinner given by the Seventh Day Adventists, at which they were guests. The heavy rains had made the bridge floor slippery. The automobile slid to the edge of the bridge, which stands a hundred feet above the ground. Just at the edge the brakes stopped the heavy machine.

Last Friday evening the Misses Baird entertained a number of friends at a shower party in honor of the bride-to-be, Miss Nellie Whalen. Those who enjoyed this occasion were Julia Kerr, Hemia Windham, Lettie Smith, Alma Larson, Helen Travis, Pearl Staats, Gertrude Beeson, Etha Crabill, Bessie Edwards and Mrs. J. W. Gamble.



H. F. SWANBACK

Of Greenwood, Now Past Ninety-four Years of Age.

H. F. Swanback, of Greenwood, Neb., a man who is loved by all who know him, was born March 9, 1815, in Mecklenburg, Germany. He was educated in the schools of his native country, and then studied medicine, which profession he followed for many years. He served as an army surgeon in the German army in the war between Prussia and Denmark in 1847-8. He carries sabre marks on his head received in the battles of Ombect, Gault, and Preston.

At about the age of forty he left the Fatherlands and came to Canada, where

he remained about two years. He took up the practice of medicine while he lived there. While in that country he met Miss Nina Simon, the charming daughter of a well-to-do Canadian farmer. In 1856, they were married, and the next year removed to Feldborg, Minnesota, where he lived on a farm but continued the practice of medicine. It was while he resided here that Minnesota was admitted into the Union as a state.

In 1859, during the rapid immigration into Kansas from the North and South in the fierce struggle as to whether that territory should become a free or slave state, Mr. Swanback removed with his family to Topeka. He continued the practice of his profession there until the breaking out of the Civil War, in 1861, when he enlisted in the Union army, and served in Company H, in the Eleventh regiment Kansas Infantry, serving under General Franz Sigel. He participated in the battle of Pea Ridge and the various battles and campaigns up and down the Rappahannock river. He continued in the service until the end of the war.

While he was in the army his wife and family had removed with a brother to Des Moines, Iowa. After being mustered out, he returned to his family and purchased a farm about 15 miles from Des Moines, where he farmed and practiced medicine sometimes. He traded his Iowa farm for a farm in Marshall county, Indiana, whither he removed with his family.

In 1878, he sold his Indiana farm and came to Nebraska, where he purchased a farm near Greenwood from Philip Galley. The B. & M. railroad had just been built, and Greenwood had just been located. Mr. Swanback took an active part in the development of the town. In 1885, his wife died. Of this marriage nine children had been born, all of whom are dead except two girls, both of whom are married, one living in Omaha, and the other in Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 1885, Mr. Swanback was married to Mrs. Mary Loder-Meyer, at Greenwood, Nebraska, where they have resided ever since. One child was born to them, a son, Dr. G. L. Swanback, of Omaha. Mr. Swanback has been a republican ever since the party was first organized and has always taken an interest in its success. He has been a consistent member of the church.

He enjoys his cigar, and says that he has been a smoker for at least eighty years. He has led an active and upright life and his friends are as wide as his acquaintances. He is genial and a splendid companion. He has retired from active life, but is one of the directors of the Plattsmouth Independent Telephone company. He belongs to that class of men, who have made Nebraska a great commonwealth, and the NEWS-HERALD is glad to number him as one of its true friends.

Sunday morning the M. W. A. the four lodges of the A. O. U. W., the W. of W. and the D. of H. lodges assembled at their halls and then marched to Main street where the long procession headed by the band was formed. They then marched to Oak Hill cemetery, where appropriate memorial services were held and the graves of the departed ones were beautifully decorated. These ceremonies are most impressive, and call up recollections of those who have gone to their celestial lodges, and rest in eternal peace.

The entertainment given by the ladies of St. Mary's Guild last Thursday night at Coates Hall was a very pleasant and novel affair. The entertainment was one of a series which these young ladies have been giving for the purpose of raising funds for the repair of the rectory and build a parish house. A splendid program had been arranged which was complete with a high quality of musical numbers. Many of the members of the Guild were dressed in odd costumes of many gorgeous colors. All who were present enjoyed the entertainment very much. They cleared the neat little sum of forty dollars.

Weeping Water Items

Special Correspondence.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Harmer departed the first of the week for old Mexico. They bought tickets to Tampico.

J. M. Ranney's 6 year old son, Lloyd, had both bones in his left leg broken below the knee while playing with his brother last Sunday. The boys ran into one another with force enough to cause the accident.

During the thunder storm of Monday afternoon a small cyclone did some maneuvering in the country near town. Five miles to the southeast it dipped down and just missed a farm house but rose again and disappeared leaving only a few uprooted trees as damages.

Efforts are being made to organize a brass band. Last Monday night was the date set for the first practice but on account of a misunderstanding of the date, very few fellows appeared. There is some good talent in town and we ought to have a good band.

Undertaker E. Ratnowe was called to take charge of the body of Mrs. Otten, who died of bed fever and pneumonia last Wednesday at her home 4 miles east of Berlin. The deceased was 43 years old. She leaves a husband and 9 children. The funeral was held at Berlin last Friday.

On Wednesday the Tanner Sisters vacated the Gibbon Hotel and Miss Edna Hammer took charge. Miss Chloey Tanner departed the same day for Lincoln and Miss Edyth for Omaha. They will visit with friends for about two weeks after which they will again go into business if they can find a suitable location.

August 24, 25, 26 and 27 are the dates of the G. A. R. Reunion which is to be held here. It promises to be a big affair and is to be a reunion of the Eastern Nebraska district, which consists of Cass, Otoe, Lancaster, Sarpy and Saunders counties. One of the dates is to be fraternal day for all orders of the districts. All the committees have been appointed and will soon get into action. The committee on concessions are P. S. Barnes and D. M. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson and daughter Marie were attending the graduation of their daughter Miss Blanche Robertson at the State Normal School, at Peru, Nebr., last week.

Corn Growers Have Chance.

Any farmer will have a chance to win prizes since the winners of the 1907 and 1908 sweepstakes have been eliminated from entering the regular classes at the next corn show.

In addition to this the exposition will give no cash prize of \$1,000 to the winner of the Grand Champion sweepstakes—the grand premier trophy being considered sufficient reward together with the honor of winning the prize.

Instead of the \$1,000 cash prize for the champion sweepstakes, three sweepstakes prizes have been arranged giving one to each of the best ten ears of yellow, white and other than yellow or white, which includes flint, red and calico varieties.

These changes were decided on at a meeting of the executive committee of the exposition and vice presidents of the National Corn Association, held in Omaha last week.

The management has also decided that all exhibits must be in Omaha at the office of a transportation company or on the exposition grounds by Nov. 27, ten days before the exposition opens. The 1909 exposition, which is to be held in Omaha December 6 to 18, is to be an exposition that is "ready."

Louisville Gleanings

Special Correspondence.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Witten, June 2, a girl.

Mrs. Wm. Erhart was in Plattsmouth on business Friday.

Mrs. Nora Brunson left Saturday evening for Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Droke left Saturday for Louisville, Ky.

Mr. H. Rand of Plattsmouth, was in Louisville Sunday enroute to Omaha.

Miss Lottie Koop has returned from her school work at the State Normal. Freddie Gorder, Jr., of Plattsmouth, was a guest of Ray Beaver over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Olsen of Elmwood, were visiting friends in Louisville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Pribble moved back to Louisville last week after an absence of one year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pribble of Tecumseh, Neb., are guests of Edd Pribble and family.

Mrs. H. E. Brown and son, Raymond, of Scotts Bluff, Neb., were guests of Mrs. Stevenson.

James Farrier has moved to Ashland where he has purchased an interest in the livery business.

August Gorder of Plattsmouth, and Fred Gorder of Weeping Water, were in Louisville Sunday.

Mrs. Edd Seiver and daughter of Western Nebraska, are guests of W. B. Shyrock and family.

The pupils of the Christian church gave a very entertaining program Sunday evening in honor of Children's Day.

Miss Mary McGrew left Friday for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, also Red Wing, Minn., to visit her brother, Lew, and her sister.

The ball game Saturday between Masher-Lampman business college and Louisville scored 5 to 0 in favor of Louisville.

Misses Bessie Gadow, Mae Depew, Carrie Anderson, Lottie Koop and Edd Cline left Monday to attend the State Normal at Peru.

Mr. Ben Barker is erecting an automobile garage on North Main street. The building will be a frame structure with concrete basement.

Joe Kock of Jersey City, N. J., is a guest of Jno. Koop and family. Mr. Kock and Jno. Koop were ship mates and sailed around the world together about thirty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield entertained a party of relatives in their park Sunday in honor of Mrs. I. Depew and daughter, Mae, who leave this week for Western Nebraska and parts of Minnesota.

Tariff Commis- sion Needed

The need of the hour is the creation of a tariff commission which would supply the criteria now lacking. If we had had a competent commission at work for the last four or five years, it would be possible now to obtain ample data for use in applying the protective principle scientifically and equitably. Such a commission would have got together material to show cost of production abroad and cost of production here, and the levying of a rate would become a simple matter. Those demanding what seemed to be undue protection would be obliged to furnish specific proofs, whereas they now deal only in generalities. There can be no doubt that the cost of the labor element in production has risen here in the last twelve years. Yet the rise has been a world-wide one, and it is not improbable that labor costs has increased relatively more in Germany than in the United States. For, among other things, the German government has added a large part of the cost of accident insurance and retirement pensions to workmen to the cost of production. The nation has now become thoroughly protectionist in sentiment, and the tariff issue is no longer a party issue. It is time, therefore, to drop the crude political methods of the past in tariff legislation and to attack the problem scientifically. The country wants a tariff based on the most thorough knowledge of conditions here and abroad, its rates representing an exactly measured differential in cost of production.—New York Tribune.

WHETHER it be a suit of clothes or a straw hat, our policy is to give the biggest value possible. We **KNOW** that no one can buy clothing and gents' furnishing goods any better than we can, and we **KNOW** that we can sell on a closer margin than many dealers; these facts accounts for our uniformly good business the year round—our friends **KNOW** that they can get **BETTER VALUES** here than in many other places. Just now we are in a position to give you special values in straw hats. In this sweltering weather probably no article of wearing apparel will give you more comfort than a cool, light straw hat. We have them in all styles and prices from a Mexican fibre to the best panamas. Look over these three items:

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1.00 On account of the flood last season we carried over a few of our better hats. They were not damaged and are just as stylish as the new goods. Some of them worth \$2 and \$3. If you call for advertised lot 3 you can buy them for an even \$1. Panamas \$3. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Fishermens and Helmets 35, 40 and 50c.

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