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## POLICE GET STRANGE MAN

**Tried to Sell Diamond Ring Worth Two Hundred Dollars.**

**SEARCHING DISCLOSES EIGHT OTHER RINGS**

**Gives Many Stories How he Got Jewelry and Has Big Supply of Names.**

(From Wednesday's Daily)  
The police late last evening ran in a peculiar looking fellow who had made several attempts during the afternoon to sell a large diamond ring that he carried. He called at a number of the business houses during the day and offered to sell or trade a large diamond mounted in a ring that would have tipped the scales at about a karat.

Among the places he visited were Fricke's, Crabill's and McElwains, but none of the Plattsmouth men cared to part with their cold cash for the glittering stone. At one of the jewelry stores the stone was examined and estimated to be worth \$100 or \$125 but however the man offered it for \$75 or he seemed very anxious to trade it off for another ring.

He gave different stories as to who he was and how he came into possession of the stone. At one place he claimed to be Parker, the son of the carnival company man, and said that he had been out in California securing dates for the show. He said he bought the ring from a man in San Francisco and that he had been working for the last few months at Miles City, Idaho. His appearance did not favorably impress the people whom he interviewed and before he had disposed of the ring the city police swooped down on him and took him over to jail.

Here he gave many different stories and said his real name was McMichael. When searched it was found that he had eight signet rings concealed on his person and he appeared greatly frustrated when the jewelry was brought to light. He then said the name "McMichael" which appeared on his key ring, was his true name and that he had bought the stuff for \$2.50 a dozen in Omaha.

Then it was learned that he had been in Myrard the day before but when in that city, was wearing a cap and a pair of green glasses. He had a ring sent from a Nebraska City jeweler to a local jeweler at that city, but it was not for either one of the names he has given here. The diamond was sent C. O. D. and when the suspicious stranger called for the ring he wished to take it out doors to examine in the light. There were two men in the store at the time and he was carefully watched, and seeming to be

dissatisfied with the color of it, he did not take the stone.

Now, who the man is and how he came into possession of the ring is the question that the police are trying to solve. The chief went to Omaha this afternoon to try to find some clues in the case. The man seemed very nervous about the matter but readily engages in conversation when questioned and nearly every time he springs a new story on the officers. The police are carefully watching the man and they will not be surprised to find that they have a fellow that is badly wanted somewhere.

**COURT'S OPINION PUTS**

**OSSENKOP IN JAIL**

**Alleged Murderer not Maintaining Dogged Silence" and Still Has His Nerve.**

Frederick Ossenkop the alleged murderer of Charles Byrnes at Eagle in 1908 has recently been committed to the Cass county jail and he will have to serve out his ten year sentence. His confinement was caused by the filing of an opinion by the supreme court affirming the judgment of the lower court where he had been tried. Ossenkop had been released on a heavy bond but was taken in custody by the sheriff a few days ago and placed in the jail in this city.

Byrnes was killed in a fight September 16, 1908, the two men clinched and rolled off a sidewalk two feet high and Ossenkop struck Byrnes several blows while they were down. He then arose and kicked him several times in the head and Byrnes died almost instantly.

The defendant attempted to show that Byrnes was killed by the fall when the two rolled from the walk, but the court's opinion holds against the defendant in every point. It holds there was no abuse of discretion in the trial court refusing a change of venue and that the records failed to show any misconduct on the part of any juror or prejudice to the defendant caused by the postponement of the trial on account of the quarantine of defendants witnesses.

Ossenkop took his confinement very much to heart yesterday and fainted several times in the jail, but he displayed no symptoms of the "dogged silence and moroseness" that an afternoon rag told of Monday.

The sheriff this morning was very indignant over the hot air story that an air castle reporter had drawn out of his imagination about the return trip from Eagle when the prisoner refused to engage in conversation with the officer. Sheriff Quinton had made no statement about the man and said this morning that Ossenkop talked willingly whenever spoken to. It seems that a reporter must have drawn on his imagination from the wrong supply house.

News was received today of the arrival of a baby daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Windham in Lincoln yesterday afternoon and the grand father R. B. Windham of this city is wearing a broad smile on account of his new granddaughter.

## SOME ADVICE FROM PRESIDENT

**Washington Correspondent Sends Us Some Good Things For News Readers.**

## NEBRASKA PEOPLE VISIT IN THE CAPITOL CITY

**Several Visitors in the List at Washington Are Well Known to Residents of the Antelope State.]**

The balance of power which the East holds over the west in Congress was called to the attention of the public in two notable instances recently. One came from no less authority than that of President Taft in his speech before the Ohio Society in Washington. In the course of his remarks President Taft said, "Why is it that all the small states in the east exercise so much power in Congress? It is not because an eastern man has any more capacity in the matter of legislation than a western man—certainly not more than an Ohio man. It is because when the eastern states get a good representative they keep him there as long as he lives, and then he has an influence that vastly exceeds the mere numerical representation of population."

Senator Heyburn of Idaho gave a further impetus to the growing consensus of opinion that the only way for the west to strengthen itself in the Halls of Congress is to give the longer terms to men in Washington who have proven their ability. Senator Heyburn spoke to the senate for three hours one day last week, and the greater part of his time was given up to the theme of the great power the small states of the east wield over the rest of the country, to the detriment of the western states whose Congressmen and Senators, as a rule, are changed so often. Senator Heyburn stated he believed the west had learned its lesson, and that he hoped when it did that a feeling of charity would prevail, and that they would not take revenge on the east for the discrimination it now exercises in its own favor and against the more needy western territory.

Senator Burkett's bill to allow settlers on reclamation projects to assign their patents after five years residence has been reported favorably by the House Committee, and will no doubt become a law in a few days. Senator Burkett expressed himself as much pleased at the action of the House and stated that while the bill did not give as broad concessions to the reclamation settlers as he had advocated, it was a step in the right direction, and opened the way for further privileges in the way of legislation.

Easter time at Washington is the season for the sight-seeer. Washington is at its best. Spring comes early here, and nature dons its freshest garb in honor of the season. The trees are in their first tender green, the magnolias are in flagrant flower, the dogwood blossoms are showing in the timber along the streams, and every day's sunshine brings an increase of bloom and verdure that

**Served Papers at Avoca.**

John Denson returned this morning from a trip to Avoca where he had been to serve the legal papers on Charles Toyal who was occupying a farm of Mr. Harshman, his father in law. The people were forced to give up possession of the land follow-

ing a recent decision of the justice court here. The land was turned over to Mr. Harshman, the owner, but the case is being carried up to the district court by the defendant, and there is some possibility of the lower court's decision being reversed by the court.

At a special meeting held by the board of education the first of the week the teachers for the next year were elected. The grade school teachers will be Verna Cole, Amelia Martens, Estelle Baird, Pearl Statts, Clee Applegate, Mae Morgan, Blanche Bell, Anna Heisel, Nettie Hawksworth, Arline Shipman, Altha Peterson, Hazel Dovey, Lettie Smith, Clara Weyrich, Hilda Barwick, Mary Julian, Maud Mason and Christina Hansen. There are quite a number of vacancies in the grade school forces and teachers for these places will be elected at the next meeting of the board.

The following high school teachers were elected: Blanche Horning, normal training, Alison Johnson, latin; Florence Dye, history; B. L. Harrison this year's principal was not an applicant for reelection as he is planning on entering a law school in the fall. Mr. Harrison has only been in office for one year, but he has been very successful in the work and has won great faith with the board. His resignation is deeply regretted by the members and so far they have not found any one to take his place.

Miss Howard, teacher of history, Miss Nichols, science teacher, and Miss Travis, teacher of English were not candidates for re-election, one or two of them probably being under the influence of Dan Cupid. Superintendent Gamble is contemplating the introduction of departmental work in the sixth, seventh

and eighth grades next year. This is the system that is used in the high school at present; each teacher only instructs in her line of work, as mathematics, language, etc., and in devoting all her time to the one line of study, she is able to be more successful in the teaching of the study. This method of teaching also accustoms the pupils to the kind of work carried on in the High school.

The only thing in the way of the introduction of his system is the arrangement of the school building and it is still a matter of doubt whether it will be possible to make the desired change. The superintendent was instructed to notify the papers of the election and of the vacancies which exist on the teaching force, but he evidently forgot there were newspapers in Plattsmouth for he notified the Omaha papers with out giving a word to the local ones.

Clay County had two representatives here during the week in the persons of C. H. Epperson of Fairfield and S. W. Christy of Edgar. These gentlemen had been attending to some legal business in Philadelphia, and found it convenient to visit Washington on their way home. Wakefield, Nebraska, was also represented by Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kimball. Mr. Kimball is Cashier of the First National Bank at Wakefield, and he said that he had no other object in Washington than to enjoy himself, and he seemed to be doing it. Hon. E. W. Brown of Lincoln, and one of Senator Burkett's law partners came in during the latter part of the week and spent some time with Senator Burkett before leaving for points further east.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Chapman, also of Lincoln, were other visitors in this city. A unique bill is now pending before Congress which proposes to establish a Bureau of Seismology, in other words an earthquake bureau. Its sponsors are, among others, the Directors of the Smithsonian Institution, and the director of the Geological survey. The bill was referred to the Committee on Geological Survey and a hearing was held before the Committee on the 6th at which the views of these government representatives were set forth to the Committee. One of the Nebraska senators, Senator Burkett, is a member of the Committee, but as Nebraska is not very sorely troubled by earthquakes, his interest in the bill is probably purely official.

### Son of Claude Seiver Dead

A telegram was received today by J. W. Seiver of this city telling of the death of his grandson, Claude Seiver, Jr., at Marquette, Neb. Claude Jr., was the eight year old son of Claude Seiver, well known in this city, and the little fellow had been of ill health for some time. The exact cause of his death was not stated in the message but it was probably from a child's disease that he had been suffering with. The deceased died at the home of his grandmother Mrs. Land in Marquette where he had been living for some time. Misses Molly and Jennings Seiver will leave in the morning for Marquette to be present at the funeral services.

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS NEXT YEARS' TEACHERS

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### NEW CITY COUNCIL TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

**Short Session Was Held Last Evening at Council Chamber To Instate Dads.**

A brief meeting was held last evening of the city dads when the officers of last year stepped out and the new councilmen were placed in office. The saloon licenses of the city were taken and referred to the license committee. There were six applicants for the papers received from the same men who now have the drink emporiums in the city. The Plattsmouth council now consists of:

First Ward—D. O. Dwyer, George Dovey.  
Second Ward—Adam Kurtz, William Weber.  
Third Ward—J. W. Bookmeyer, A. S. Wills.  
Fourth Ward—John Schulhoff, Frank Neuman.  
Fifth Ward—Fred Rezner, William Gravett.

Edward and John Ossenkop, brother and uncle of the alleged murderer who is now in the county jail, and Mr. Dorn were in the city today from their homes near Lincoln to make arrangements about getting Fred Ossenkop out on bail until he is sent to the penitentiary.

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**Maybe You Think You're Hard to Please—or Hard to Fit**

That doesn't frighten us because we have more than enough of good things in Clothes to satisfy all men. And we know the kind of Clothing you like.

Grays, Blues, with a sprinkling of Brown, are the season's new shades.

Any time that you care to, we'll gladly show you. Won't urge you to buy.

**Suits \$10 to \$35**



The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes  
Manhattan Shirts Stetson Hats  
**Falter & Thierolf**  
Value Giving Clothiers.

**Closing Out My Entire Line of Millinery**

Owing to my failing health, I have decided to close my entire line of millinery, after which I shall retire from business. Prices will be made accordingly. This will be our last summer season.

**MRS. JULIA DWYER**

**The Daily 10 Cents a Week**