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## THRALL IS BOUND OVER FOR TRIAL

### In District Court on Charge of Assault With Intent to Kill

From Tuesday's Daily.

County Attorney Ramsey this morning filed the complaint against Fred Thrall, jr., before County Judge Beeson. The complaint follows the lines indicated several days ago in the Journal and consists of two counts. In the first one Thrall is charged with assault with intent to kill and murder one Reese Delaney, the count charging the defendant with threatening to shoot Delaney with a 22 calibre, Marlin repeating rifle. The second count in the complaint charges Thrall with assault with intent to do great bodily injury upon Reese Delaney, the weapon used being the same rifle as charged in the first count.

Immediately after the filing of the complaint a warrant was issued and delivered to the sheriff who took Thrall from the county jail and had him in the county court before Judge Beeson. Thrall did not seem to be much affected over the serious nature of the complaint he was called upon to answer to and took his arraignment calmly. He was accompanied by his attorney Mr. Moran of Nebraska City, the same attorney who represented the elder Thrall in his trouble several days ago. The wife and children of defendant were also present in court having come up from their home at Union to give him their aid and comfort.

Thrall was arraigned and the warrant read to him by Sheriff Quinton after which County Attorney Ramsey read the complaint charging him with the offenses set forth above. On the request of the County Judge for his plea in the matter, the defendant plead not guilty and through his attorney entered a waiver of any preliminary hearing.

Judge Beeson in view of the seriousness of the offense charged, considered that a heavy bond should be required and taking the condition of the prisoner's finances into consideration, he placed his bond at \$1,000 which he was unable at that time to furnish. In consequence of his failure to furnish the security asked for, Judge Beeson remanded the prisoner to the custody of the sheriff who returned with him to jail. The prisoner's wife was present and is going to make an effort to secure bail for her husband. To this end she was a passenger for Omaha this noon and will go to Nebraska City tonight. No complaint was filed against Thrall for his resistance to Sheriff Quinton at the time of his arrest and whether there will be one or not depends largely upon the outcome of the proceedings instituted this morning by the County Attorney.

In the event of the prisoner's failure to furnish bond, he will have to remain in jail until next May when the term convenes at which he can be tried. It seems more than probable that the prisoner's wife and his attorney between them will succeed somehow in raising the required security and gaining him his liberty pending trial.

Both of the offenses charged by County Attorney Ramsey are very serious ones and a conviction upon either means a penitentiary sentence for the defendant. That he will be convicted upon one count or the other seems certain as there are a great number of witnesses who saw him make his "gun play" at Delaney and who heard his threats against that individual. County Attorney Ramsey spent yesterday in Union investigating the affair and upon his return at once prepared the complaint along the lines set out above.

Good for Neuman. Plattsmouth has for months been having a whole lot of trouble about its lighting service and now since the Nebraska City agitation has become warm, Mr. Frank Neuman of the Plattsmouth city council has started a move for municipal water and light plant for Plattsmouth. Mr. Neuman is a socialist, the only socialist official, save one holding elective office in Nebraska, so far as the Herald is informed. He understands that municipal ownership is inevitable and is the only solution of the question. Mr. Neuman wants to put Plattsmouth in the list of progressive cities in the matter of public utilities and if he does not have too much boodle influence from the outside to contend with, he may succeed in his laudable undertaking.

The Herald believes there is a law on the statute books, passed in 1887 which will be beneficial to cities wishing to put in municipal plants. It permits cities to vote bonds in addition to present indebtedness for the purpose of making internal improvements. Bonding a city is not a good proposition, as a rule, but when a community is in a dilemma, and when by constructing its own public service plants it can give the people cheaper and better service and shortly pay off the bonds, bond issuing is not altogether bad. Mr. Neuman should continue his good work along this line and at least get a public expression on the municipal ownership idea.—Lincoln Herald.

To Reorganize Board. Lincoln, Feb. 11.—Representative Bates of Cass has introduced a bill for the reorganization of the printing board. He substitutes the governor for the state treasurer on the board, and gives the governor the power of appointing the secretary of the board. Colonel Bates declares that the conduct of the state printing affairs has been very unsatisfactory under the past regime and that there has been favoritism displayed in the letting of printing contracts. His bill also provides that the board must advertise for bids on the big printing contracts, and these must be delivered sealed and let to the lowest bidder.

As the work is done at present, it is asserted, that the secretary of the board merely calls a few printing companies by telephone and informs them that contracts are to be let and invites them to bid.

## GIVES SOME HARD LICKS

### Another Reply to Editor of the News-Herald

The following reply to the bitter and venomous attack upon the writer of the former article in this paper, is given as the former was, without in the least committing this paper for or against the topic considered in the article. In connection with these letters the Journal will state that they are not written by any members of the Journal force, but by a brilliant and talented lady of this city, and they are commended to our readers as presenting one side of the suffrage question worthy of perusal.

Editor News-Herald: Dear Sir:

Although it seems a waste of time to answer one, who in order to make a noise, must resort to indecency and prevarication, some of your points(?) require notice.

In the first place the reply to your attack on woman suffrage was mailed to you on the same day it was sent to the Journal, and the name of the author was written in full on the business envelope. It seems that the intellect of the rival paper was brilliant enough to puzzle out the fact that the name on the outside did not spell "anonymous," otherwise it would not have been published. I fail to see where the daily paper is any more "obscure" than the Semi-Weekly News-Herald, and the "obscure corner" was the identical page and column that you gave the article and was quite as conspicuous.

It does seem to me the height of arrogance and egotism that one who can compose such a yellow sheet article should accuse anyone else of being "ashamed of their off-spring." "O! wod some pow'r the giftie gee, to see ourselves as others see us."

It is a blessed thing that the great Lincoln and McKinley can not know of the way their words are being perverted to score points against the womanhood they honored, by a little 2x4 editor. Your way of celebrating the centennial, I suppose,

You run a little risk in quoting names of those women who have been imprudent and including in the list names that have been honored and respected, the world over. I will be generous and retalliate by not quoting to you names of your brothers who were raised in suffragist homes, but who in the "sacred homes" you quote did not imbibe enough of the pure atmosphere" to keep them half way decent. Their name is legion.

It seems to me that the "sacred home" from which you emanate was too busy with the strenuous problems of your training, that the quality of refinement was overlooked in the class room. I refer you again to the names I gave in former article. Study them and see wherein you fail. Politics should not be a "mire" as you seem to think is necessary. If it is, the votes of women would soon engender a house-cleaning. It has only been a short time since the mere presence of three ladies clarified the atmosphere of the court room, which had been made blue with the remarks of a local politician. These ladies were from the best families and were members of the W. C. T. U. and suffragists.

Theodore Roosevelt recommended woman suffrage in his message to the New York legislature. On being asked why, he is reported to have replied, that many women have a very hard time, working women especially, and if the ballot would help them, even a little, he was willing to see it tried.

Judge Lindsey is considered the highest authority in the land on this subject, and he writes that "the result of woman suffrage in Colorado since its establishment has been so satisfactory that it is hard to understand how it encounters opposition in other states. I have never heard a criticism directed against woman suffrage that ever worked out in practice, or, if it did, was not equally applicable to male suffrage."

I would recommend the editor of the News-Herald to forward his dignified, uplifting and refined criticism to Judge Lindsey for his enlightenment. The feeble idea may languish unless advertised well, and lastly, get a High School debater to write your "replies."

"Women have been voting for years, by thousands in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Utah and Idaho. In all these

places put together, the opponents have not yet found a dozen respectable men who assert over their own name and address that the results have been bad, while scores of good and prominent men and women testify that it has done good." You have made a big mistake, Mr. Editor. Evidently you forget the fact this election time is nearly here and that your optimistic nature would call forth the usual card announcing your willingness to wade in the "mire" that makes you shudder. Persistency thou art a jewel. Get your plum now if you can. It may not be possible to bring out another "boy" to beat the old seasoned candidate, but woman suffrage is surely coming, and then "Where will you be at?"

Subscriber, Feb. 12, 1909.

## DEBATERS LOSE OUT

### Auburn Team Declared Winners Over Plattsmouth High School

From Saturday's Daily.

The debate Thursday evening at high school building between the Auburn and Plattsmouth high schools resulted in a decision for the Auburn team. The subject chosen for debate was, "Resolved, That Disputes Between Labor and Capital in the Railroad Business Should Be Settled by Boards of Arbitration With Compulsory Power."

The local schools were represented in the debate by Mr. John Falter and Misses Marie Douglas and Josephine Hall, all of whom made excellent arguments in favor of the proposition. The negative side of the question was taken by the Auburn team composed of Mr. Rogers and Misses Hanna and Plaster, all of whom are excellent speakers and all of whom advanced sound reasons for their position. The judges were Prof. Fogg of the State University, Superintendent Speedie of the Beacon schools and Miss Macken of the Omaha public schools, all judges of much ability and good judgment. Despite the manifest ability shown by the three Plattsmouth debaters who covered themselves with glory although defeated, the judges were inclined to believe that Auburn was entitled to the prize and so decided. The local school is of course, somewhat disappointed at the outcome but they all joined in congratulating the winners.

A reception was tendered by the students and teachers of the high school to the visiting debating squad and the members of the faculty of the Auburn schools during the evening, the reception being held in the high school auditorium. An elaborate program of music had been prepared which was given. Refreshments were also served during the progress of the reception. The attendance both at the reception and the debate was quite large, many of the townspeople being among those attending.

### New Electrician.

M. R. H. Elliott of Lincoln has been engaged by the Plattsmouth Telephone Company as Superintendent and Electrician and arrived in the city the first of the week.

Mr. Elliott is a strictly high grade telephone man and comes very highly recommended.

For the past four years he has been employed in the Lincoln Automatic Independent Telephone Company in the responsible position of Wire Chief and Superintendent of their private branch of exchanges and for ten years previous to his connection with the Lincoln Automatic Company Mr. Elliott has held very responsible positions with other large telephone companies.

General Manager Pollock is to be congratulated upon securing the services of Mr. Elliott as he is perfectly capable of handling any class of telephone apparatus, either automatic, central energy or magneto systems and in the rebuilding of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company's exchange which will begin shortly Mr. Elliott's experience will insure a perfect telephone service to the patrons of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company.

### Marriage License Issued.

From Saturday's Daily. County Judge Beeson today issued a marriage license to John Joseph Dolan, aged 28 of Havelock, Neb., and Miss Lillian May Rough, aged 26, of Cass County. Miss Rough is the well known popular and talented daughter of John G. Rough of this county. Notice of the marriage will be made later.

## UNION HOTEL DESTROYED

### Fire Consumes the Ancient Structure Early Friday Morning

The ancient hostelry at Union known as the Union Hotel, the Hotel McCleave, The Shaffer, the Farnum and many other aliases, was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning about 2:30. The structure made quite a spectacular blaze, lighting the country for miles. There are a number of thrilling stories afloat as to the terrified guests in the building making their way out through the raging flames, and it is said a number of them had their feet cut by broken glass from the windows of the building. Some of the more thoughtful stood in the street wrapped in blankets, comforts and sheets which they were wise enough to snatch up when they went out. There was no loss of life and nearly all the guests who were few in number, saved their clothing. The papers teem with the coolness of a girl, Ellen Easter, who arose when the alarm was sounded and calmly dressed herself and walked out while most of the male portion of the guests were shrieking for lost collar buttons and the like, and were dashing madly for the street clad in an abbreviated barmant and a wild scared look.

The loss is placed at \$2,000. The structure had served Union in the capacity of hotel for many years and had passed through the hands of many proprietors. It was a two story, frame structure which the hand of time had rendered a fit subject for the devouring element and its passing is not greatly regretted by the traveling public who have been compelled to use it. It will doubtless be replaced by a structure suitable to the needs of so important a town as Union. It was owned by Ed. McCleave of Nebraska City. There are various stories afloat as to the origin of the fire but nothing authentic. Owing to a breakdown of the fire department nothing could be done to save the building.

### Receives Promotion.

It is formally announced by the management of the Burlington that J. W. Newell has been appointed auditor of ticket and passenger accounts of that road with headquarters at Omaha, succeeding J. A. D. Shields, resigned. This is quite a promotion for Mr. Newell who has been traveling auditor for the company and is a well deserved one. Mr. Newell had been connected with the auditing department of the road for several years past and has been steadily climbing the ladder toward the top. He is well known in this city where he was born and where he has virtually lived the greater part of his life, and his many friends here are gratified at the promotion which is so well deserved. Mr. Newell in his new position will have charge of a very large force of men all of whom will find him an excellent chieftain and with all of whom he will make friends.

### To Make Improvements.

While at Pacific Junction the other morning we learned incidentally that the Burlington has in view a number of improvements for this season. In the first place they have big four foot concrete tiling on hand which they are getting ready to put through under their track east of the depot to drain the town from the north during time of high water. This is a much needed improvement. They will put in a flood gate also so that the water cannot back up through from the south.

The next improvement is the new stockyards they are going to build just south of the water tank along the K. C. line. This is something that has been needed a long time. Last but not by any means least of the traveling public, they have ordered the lumber for a waiting room down at the crossing of the main line and the K. C. This is something that has been needed ever since the establishment of the road and passengers, many and long suffering will view with delight its erection.—Malvern Leader.

### Railroad News.

New York, Feb. 11.—George B. Harris, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, was today elected president of the Colorado & Southern railway at a meeting of the Colorado & Southern's directors here. Mr. Harris succeeds Frank Turnbull, resigned, in the presidency, and was also elected to succeed Grenville M. Dodge, as chairman of the board.

### Reciprocal Demurrage Bill

Senator Banning's reciprocal demurrage bill, recommended by the joint railroad committee, was recommended for passage by the senate committee of the whole Thursday. The bill provides that an agent shall receive all consignments immediately, and that dating from one day after the receipt of the consignment the goods must be moved at the rate of 50 miles a day with the penalty of \$1.00 per car per day for delay. On the other hand the shipper must pay demurrage if it takes him more than 36 hours to load or unload a small car, and more than 60 hours for a large one.

## DROPPED FROM SUIT

### Tom Wray, Havelock Constable Gets Out of Damage Suit

Tom Wray, the Havelock constable will no longer have to appear as one of the defendants in the \$3,000 damage suit of Ira and Nora Henderson now running in the court of Judge Stewart. A motion by Attorney E. E. Spencer yesterday afternoon asking the court to instruct the jury to bring a verdict for the defendant Wray on the ground that the evidence failed to show that his conduct had been actuated by malice when serving a writ of attachment against the plaintiffs was sustained and Wray was no longer hooked up with Weldman, the other defendant. H. E. Weldman, a Havelock merchant, is charged with malicious conduct in swearing out a writ of attachment in a justice court over a year ago against the Hendersons in order to secure the face on an alleged debt. The household goods of the plaintiffs were seized at the depot after they had gone to Utica and they claim they were forced to come and fight to get their belongings. It is contended that the defendant knew these goods were exempted, because the plaintiffs had no other property in the way of real estate. Weldman holds that he used only lawful means to secure the payment of a debt that Ira Henderson owed him and lies that he was actuated by malice, when he declared on oath in court he had reason to believe that Henderson was about to abscond and leave the obligation unsatisfied. One of the allegations of the defendant was that Henderson refused to pay.—State Journal.

### Johnson Case Nearing Close.

From Saturday's Daily. The progress of the Johnson will case for the last two days has been quite rapid and it is expected the case will get to the jury this afternoon or tonight. Practically all yesterday forenoon was taken up in reading letters written by Jeary, the principal beneficiary under the will to Johnson's various sisters and brother. These letters indicated that Jeary had practically done all of Johnson's private work and that he had handled all his correspondence owing to the enfeebled condition of his health.

While Mr. Johnson was alive, Jeary wrote only letters which breathed the greatest affection and esteem for the aged testator and his wife. They were models of diction and indicated that Mr. Jeary had never failed to keep himself posted upon every possible complication in Johnson's health. After Johnson's death, Jeary wrote the relatives deploring any will contest and inveighing against a "disreputable attorney at Plattsmouth" whom he stated was seeking to stir up trouble between the relatives and he, Jeary, for the fee that he could get out of the case. Other testimony was introduced during the afternoon and this morning all of which sought to show undue influence exercised by Jeary over the testator and to show alterations in the will. The proponents of the will also introduced evidence during the day to sustain that instrument. Space forbids an extended account of the proceedings of today.

A county exchange seems to delight in poking fun at Col. Bates because he has introduced a bill in the legislature for the extermination of the pocket gopher. If the Colonel can not get a bill passed that will prohibit a certain peaky gopher in annually building ugly mounds in the Courier editor's lawn we promise to "gopher" the next fellow who dares to attack him and his gopher measure.—Louisville Courier.

Miss Lillian Bookmeyer came in this morning to spend the week end with her folks in this city.