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## JOHN CLARENCE IS RELEASED ON BAIL

### Amount Fixed at \$10,000 and He Waives Examination

As forecast in the Journal of last evening John Clarence was arraigned last evening in justice court before Justice Archer and asked to plead to the complaint against him charging him with the murder in the first degree in connection with the shooting of John P. Thacker.

The prisoner was brought over from the jail by the sheriff and arraigned. County Attorney Ramsey then read the complaint to him, it setting forth the manner of the crime with which he was charged, as printed before in the Journal. To the usual question as to whether he pleaded guilty or not guilty, the defendant responded "not guilty."

Attorney Byron Clark who represented Clarence thereupon presented a motion to the effect that he would like to and was prepared to give bail for the prisoner and asking that he be admitted to bail. He explained that he wanted to save the county the costs of a preliminary hearing and was prepared to waive examination if bail could be fixed in some amount which he might give. County Attorney Ramsey did not make a vigorous objection to this as he thought there was little likelihood of Clarence trying to get away, and little probability that he could succeed should he try.

Justice Archer in view of all the circumstances surrounding the case, considering the fact that the prisoner had come to the city and given himself up immediately upon the commission of the crime, and also sharing the view of the counsel for the state that there was small chance for the prisoner to escape should he try to do so, decided that he would sustain the motion of defendant's counsel. He inquired of Attorney Clark what amount of bail the defendant could give and who he was prepared to present as surety for his appearance at the next term of court. Mr. Clark stated that the de-

fendant's father, John Clarence, sr., was present and was prepared to justify as one of the sureties while he (Clark) was prepared to sign as the other. He thought a bond of \$10,000 sufficient. County Attorney Ramsey stated that the amount of bond would be acceptable to the State, and the justice so decided.

John Clarence, sr., father of the defendant then appeared and signed the bond justifying in the sum of \$12,000 over and above his debts and exemptions.

After the formality of signing the bond and justifying, the defendant formally waived a preliminary examination and was held by Justice Archer for trial at the May term of the district court.

The next term convenes on May 17th, at which time this case will be tried. Clarence departed for his home near Union on the midnight Missouri Pacific train with his father, having been released from the custody of the sheriff immediately upon the signing of the bond.

Clarence when arraigned in court did not show any signs of his confinement although he has been in jail for some five weeks. He was not changed in appearance and does not seem to feel very much worried over the possible outcome of the case against him. Evidently the charge has not been considered by him as very serious if one may judge from his appearance and he evidently believes a jury may acquit him. During his confinement at the jail he has been a model prisoner in every respect, giving the jailor no trouble and accepting the confinement as a matter of course.

His waiver of examination saves the county several hundred dollars in costs besides strengthening the position of the state in the case against him as it was not called upon to expose what testimony is depended upon to secure conviction.

## QUITS THE NEWSPAPER

### Lee J. Mayfield's Withdrawal Leaves Place Hard to Fill

Louisville, Neb., Feb. 25.—Lee J. Mayfield, who, for many years, has been the proprietor and editor of the Louisville Weekly Courier, has retired from active operation of the same and will go on a farm. Mr. Mayfield will be succeeded by his brother, George Mayfield, of South Omaha.

Sometime ago Lee Mayfield sold a part interest in his paper to his brother Eugene Mayfield, of St. Louis, who is known in Nebraska as "Rex M." but since that time he has continued as active editor of the paper.

The Louisville Courier was founded over thirty years ago by Mr. Mayfield's father, G. W. Mayfield, sr., who afterwards sold it to his son, Lee. Lee Mayfield, who has just retired from the management of the Courier, will take up stock raising near this place.

The above telegram taken from the State Journal will be read with regret by the members of the Cass county press and all those who have had the pleasure of reading the Courier since it has been under the management of Lee Mayfield. His retirement from the ranks is a distinct loss to the profession in this vicinity. During his editorship of the Courier, he has made one of the brightest, best and most influential of the county papers. He came by his journalistic ability honestly belonging to a family of newspaper men and he early won his way to the top by deserving recognition. It is to be hoped that his success as a farmer and stock raiser will be as signal as his editorial success been. His brother, George Mayfield, who succeeds him, is welcomed to the ranks of Cass County newspapermen and there is small doubt of his keeping the Courier to the high notch which Lee has raised it to. Like his brothers, George possesses the newspaper instinct and the readers of the Courier can rest assured that they will have a live, capable and able editor at the head of their paper.

## GREENWOOD YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

### Mr. Adelbert Leesley and Miss Belle Vickers Married at Bride's Home.

From Friday's Daily.

Yesterday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents in the town of Greenwood, occurred the marriage of Miss Belle Vickers to Adelbert Leesley. The wedding took place in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and relatives of the contracting parties, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Harry Rouse. Immediately following the ceremony, the wedding party was given a sumptuous wedding dinner at the home of the bride's parents.

The contracting parties are both well known and popular young people of Greenwood. The bride is one of the most cultured and refined young ladies of that vicinity and one who enjoys the respect and admiration of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

The groom is the son of one of the oldest settlers of the vicinity of Greenwood, a young man standing very high in the esteem and confidence of the community and one with a vast circle of friends, all of whom extend the best wishes for a long and happy married life to this most estimable couple.

They will make their future residence upon the farm situated two miles of the town of Greenwood.

## A Family Row.

From Friday's Daily.

Judge Archer last evening had a complaint filed before him charging some children of families named McCrary and Yost, living in the Third ward, with fighting. The trouble so far as he had investigated it today was a family row in the neighborhood and tonight at 6 o'clock he will have the families and children before him and endeavor to use his Celebrated Brand of justice so that peace and quietude will reign in that particular locality. The judge is pronounced a great arbiter of family rows and doubtless he will successfully restore peace and happiness in this neighborhood now rent and torn with internecine warfare.

Thomas Walling was among those travelling to Omaha on the mail train, going up to visit with his wife at the hospital in that city. Mrs. Walling's progress toward recovery is excellent and her many friends will be glad to hear that she will soon be able to be back to her home and in good health.

## ANNUAL BUDGET

### Burlington to Expend Only \$1,000,000 on Improvements for Year

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The "budget" of the Burlington road for 1909 contemplates the expenditure of only \$1,000,000 for betterments, extensions and new equipment. This information is contained in a pamphlet of that road will distribute among its employees.

The data in the pamphlet was prepared by Daniel Willard, second vice president of the company in charge of operation. In connection with the annual "budget" it is shown that in 1907 the company appropriated a total of \$16,000,000 for purposes for which only \$1,000,000 is set aside for this year and \$8,000,000 was set aside in 1908. In other words owing to agitation against railroads, as viewed by the railroad interest, the Burlington has reduced its annual "budget" of expenditures from \$16,000,000 to \$1,000,000 practically in two years.

In the pamphlet Mr. Willard gives some reasons for the caution that is being exercised in respect to the expenditure of money. He declares that the management is doing all that is necessary to maintain its road in a condition for safe operation of trains, but is not proposing any improvements or betterments to speak of.

In October, 1907, Mr. Willard states, the Burlington did the biggest business in its history and had 53,000 men on its pay rolls. Four months later the railroads of the country had 325,000 idle freight cars, the Burlington's force was decreased by 18,000 and the transportation business of the country had fallen off more than 30 per cent.

Mr. Willard frankly states that he is not able to tell with exactness what caused this tremendous slump in railroad business, but he has an opinion as to some of the contributing factors. For example, the number of bills introduced into the federal congress and into the legislatures of the eleven Burlington states during 1906-1907 which affected railroads numbered more than 800. Whether good, bad or indifferent, he says, it was evident that many of these bills, if they became laws, would increase the cost of operating railroads. He says also that if it were not aimed at the railroads none was framed for the benefit of the railroads.

Another important fact in the situation was an increase in the Burlington's pay roll of \$3,000,000 annually. Accordingly, Mr. Willard states, the management decided not to undertake extensions or large improvements until it could see more clearly where the money was coming from or whether it was coming at all.

Whether the time will soon come or not when the Burlington and other railroads can resume the policy abandoned in 1907, Mr. Willard does not presume to state. "In my opinion," he says, "railroad business, which really means all business, will recover its former proportions when the influences and forces at work during the last two or three years refrain from doing the things which have contributed so largely to bring about the depression which we all deplore."

"I do not mean that the laws already made must be unmade, or that wages must be reduced, but we must have a rest. We must be given time and opportunity to work out the new problems that have been forced upon us during the past two years. We must be given the chance to find out what it is going to cost us to meet the new requirements and also how much our revenues are going to be reduced by reduction of rates. Perhaps it will be found that by new methods growing out of the exigencies of the case that we will be able to earn a surplus sufficient to justify the resumption of extraordinary expenditures, as formerly. If not, then either rates must be advanced or wages reduced, or improvements must wait or be carried on with borrowed money, and railroads will be slow to increase their interest-bearing debt under such circumstances."

## SWINDLERS CLEAN UP VICTIMS

### List of People Who Got "Stung" on Proposition Numerous

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 25.—A dispatch received today from the agent of the Wells Fargo Express company at Davenport, Ia., conveys the information that as soon as the package supposed to contain the \$50,000 which the four alleged swindlers under arrest here withdrew from a local bank arrives, it will be started back for the custody of the federal district court which issued the attachment. An officer is expected to arrive either late tonight or early tomorrow from Des Moines, Ia., with a requisition from the governor of Iowa for J. C. Maybray, leader of the company of four men, the others of whom are F. M. Clark, J. M. Johnson and Isadore J. Warner. It is certain he will not be allowed to take away the man he wants for the reason that the government officials want, if possible, to work up cases against the men, and must retain charge of them until victims can be found who will give necessary testimony. An officer is also expected to arrive from Louisiana with a requisition as soon as J. E. Cavanaugh of Pine Bluff, Ark., who lost \$37,000 to them there, can go to New Orleans and start the case. Official investigators have today received information that convinces them that three men have been trimmed in the month that the bunch have been making Little Rock their headquarters. They have also learned that two men from New York are on the way here to "go up against the game," or are already here. They have been watching the trains for fear they have missed the would-be victims. One pair of men from Temple, Tex., it appears, came here, but became suspicious and went home without giving up any money. Post-office Inspector Swenson is supposed to be in Council Bluffs, Ia., tonight, where the men for a long time made headquarters, looking for evidence.

Among the men whom the records of the prisoners show to have been victimized are:

J. H. Seerest, Downey, Ia., \$3,000.  
E. L. Collins, Dallas Center, Ia., \$10,000.  
Ed Stenger, Hermosa, S. D., \$10,000.  
F. R. Marks, Polk City, Ia., \$2,070.  
John Hermelbrent, Bancroft, Neb., \$5,000.  
M. S. Marshfield, Winnebago, Neb., \$5,000.  
Edwin James, Blue Springs, Neb., \$5,000.  
C. E. Haywood, Garden City, S. D., \$5,000.  
George L. Brown, Norton, Kas., \$3,300.  
George F. Castle, Britt, Ia., \$5,000.  
John Beiger, Sioux Falls, S. D., \$5,000.  
Mike Jackson, Waterloo, Iowa, \$3,000.

Maybray's diary shows there are over 200 agents in America, some as far off as Winnipeg, Toronto and Havana. Then for each victim Maybray kept a separate envelope, and a minute record of every transaction, also the originals of all telegrams or other messages which passed between scouts and the victims. Maybray also devoted a page to each victim with a humorous but accurate report of the transactions, some of these being verified in detail by victims, giving the numbers of all who participated and even the division of the spoils. Maybray always referred to the victim as "Mike."

Advices from Hot Springs state that a man named Ryan and another man named Bennett were arrested at Hot Springs yesterday on suspicion of being implicated with Maybray. A man named Stockwell who was in charge of a car of horses billed to "H. Kelley, Denver," is also under arrest at Little Rock. He is believed to have acted as the jockey in a number of horse races pulled off by the gang.

## Unintentional Omission.

An unintentional oversight was made last Monday in the account of the wedding of Mr. Nathan Kohen and Miss Eva Rachtman. The music for the occasion was furnished by John C. Brittain, the well known musician of this city. This was one of the striking features of this unique wedding ceremony and had to be heard to be appreciated. Mr. Brittain is a musician of more than ordinary ability and his renditions were much appreciated by the assembled audience.

## Influence of Local Paper.

Interesting figures compiled by M. W. Lawrence, manager of two farm journals circulating in Ohio and Michigan, shows that 77½ per cent of the farmers of those states do not take any of the popular national magazines. In other states Mr. Lawrence believes this percentage will be found to be even greater.

In many communities the local paper must be the only reading matter that enters the home. In some cases it is everything from cook book to Bible. Such a paper must exert a tremendous influence on public opinion and upon the "buying public."

The local merchant often fails to see that he has right at hand the means of combatting mail order houses. An advertisement in his local paper will carry more weight than all the catalogues and national advertising that a mail order house puts out.

Think it over, Mr. Merchant! It will pay you.—Jeffersonian.

## A STRANGE STORY

### Disappearance of Chris A. Paikiar

#### Brother Asks For Administrator

An echo of the disappearance of Chris A. Paikiar last March was brought up this morning in county court when a hearing was had on the petition of his brother, Anton Paikiar, a resident of Weeping Water, for the appointment of an administrator for him. Chris Paikiar, it will be recalled, left the farm he had been living on near Weeping Water in Mt. Pleasant precinct, on March 24 last year. He stated to his brother and others that he was going to Omaha and would return that evening. He departed and that was the last ever seen or heard of Chris. He had at the time of his departure a large sum of money with him, the evidence showing some \$150, although the petitioner stated it to be \$500. In addition he had a lease in his pocket for a farm which he was to occupy in Mt. Pleasant precinct. After several days had elapsed Chris failed to show up at home and his brother became uneasy. Paikiar had been farming the L. H. Critchfield place between Manly and Weeping Water and he had informed Mrs. Critchfield also of his intention to return.

The brother, in company with others, made a trip to Omaha and enlisted the aid of the police in the search for the missing man. The officers made every possible effort to find him, but were unable to locate a trace of him. The Danish Brotherhood, an organization of Danish citizens, also took up the search and the city was scoured in an effort to locate him or to unearth some clue which might lead to his discovery. All those efforts ended as the police search had—in nothing—and from the day he boarded the train to go to Omaha to this day no trace of him has ever been found.

Paikiar was a man of exemplary habits, in robust health and with no apparent cause to want to go away. It was this fact which led his brother and friends to conclude that he had been murdered. When he left he had several head of horses and some farm produce on hand, such as corn and feed.

Several weeks since the brother, Anton Paikiar of Weeping Water, through his counsel, Clarence Tefft, filed a petition in county court asking that he be appointed administrator for the property of his brother, setting forth the facts as above stated. Although the law is that unless such circumstances can be shown as to satisfy the court such an appointment is necessary, an absence of seven years must be had before the presumption of death arises. In this case the facts set forth above were produced and they were such that it was decided to appoint the brother as administrator to conserve the property of the missing man, his bond being fixed at the sum of \$1,500 or about double the value of the property left behind. This bond is to run for two years, during which time the administration is to continue in force.

The bond was not given this morning, but it undoubtedly will be within a few days. The brother Anton is the only relative in America. The remaining relatives are located in Denmark at several places as set out hereafter: Sine, sister, Bjerring; Anemette Bryndann, sister, Bjerring; Martine Sorenson, sister, Leuerberg; Jens Padkjar, brother, Krog Lee; Soren Padkjar, brother, Krog Lee; Kristjan Padkjar, brother, Leuskal; and Ani Marie Sorenson, sister.

## BRYAN DECLINES TO SIGN "DRY" PETITION.

### Refuses Request Made By W. C. T. U. President to Sign Prohibition Request.

Lincoln, Feb. 25.—W. J. Bryan refused Wednesday night to affix his signature to a petition asking the legislature to submit the prohibition question to a vote of the people.

The request to sign the petition was made by Mrs. Frances B. Heald, state president of the W. C. T. U., of Mr. Bryan, when he came to the capital to appear before the house committee.

"Mr. Bryan, will you please attach your signature to my petition asking the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment for prohibition to a vote of the people?" was the request of Mrs. Heald.

Then she went on to explain that 40,000 voters and 25,000 women already had signed the petition, and that signing did not in any way pledge the signer in favor of prohibition.

"It is merely in line with the initiative and referendum idea expressed in your utterances last Wednesday," said Mrs. Heald.

"Let us first get the initiative and referendum," bursquely replied Mr. Bryan as he rushed up stairs to attack the Carnegie fund.

## It Is Simply Awful.

Friday's World-Herald contains a hideous caricature of Senator Banning of this county which bodes badly for that statesman if his republican opponents get hold of the plate and use it against him in future campaigns. Senator Banning is really a right nice looking fellow, but as cartooned in the World-Herald he is about one degree removed from a pirate. The only way Banning can get even is to vote against the World-Herald's plan for an elective police commission.

## Wanted.

To buy one good single or double driving horse. Also butcher stock, cattle, veal calves, sheep and poultry. Lorenz Bros.