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## OSSENKOP GETS THE LIMIT OF LAW

### Judge Travis Today Sentenced Fred Ossenkop to Ten Years Imprisonment

From Saturday's Daily.  
Judge H. D. Travis this afternoon held a session of court and passed upon the motion for a new trial in the case of the State vs. Fred Ossenkop. The motion for a new trial was overruled and County Attorney Ramsey was present representing the state and the defendant Fred Ossenkop was present as also was his attorney Matthew Gering. After overruling the motion for a new trial Judge Travis asked the defendant if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon him to which the defendant answered with a shake of his head. Judge Travis then asked Mr. Gering if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon Mr. Ossenkop. Mr. Gering responded that he simply cared to say something of Mr. Ossenkop's character which was not as black as several witnesses had painted it and he made a plea for vindication of the defendant. When he had finished Judge Travis proceeded

to pronounce sentence. The scene was an impressive one. The judge with set face and in a low voice—a voice hardly audible throughout the room—then sentenced the defendant to the penitentiary for the term of ten years, the extreme penalty of the law. In doing so Judge Travis stated that there was no need for words, a jury had found him guilty and all that remained for him to do was to pass the sentence of the law. The defendant was visibly affected and distressed as the full import of the sentence dawned upon him. Immediately following this a motion to have bail fixed was brought up and County Attorney Ramsey raised the point that the supreme court was the only proper body to pass upon that question. Judge Travis ruled with him and overruled the motion for a bond, ruling that the supreme court must pass upon that question. He then remanded the prisoner to the custody of the sheriff.

#### Gets Nice Compliments.

From Friday's Daily.  
The South Omaha department of the Omaha Bee this morning in speaking of the Plattsmouth contingent in the contest says the following good words.

Mrs. J. W. Gamble offered a solo at the opening of the program. She is one of the talented musicians of Plattsmouth.

Miss Marie Douglas of Plattsmouth, winner of the most coveted prize of the contest took the climatic scene from the popular novel, "If I Were King." Her imitation of the weeping, Louis of France, accomplished the truest dramatic touch of the evening. The effort of the monologist to present four or five different characters in one production is difficult in the extreme, but the touches of mannerisms and character of Miss Douglas left no confusion in the minds of the hearers.

Ben Windham was slightly handicapped, in having chosen a selection which was vaudeville, rather than humor, but he did well with the part and received more applause than the winner of the prize for humorous declamation.

#### Making An Inspection.

From Friday's Daily.  
A party of Burlington officials spent several hours at the shops this morning, coming in on No. 6 and departing for the west on the mail train at noon. The party comprised General Superintendent of Motive Power Clark of Chicago, who is making his official inspection of the system and shops, Superintendent of Motive Power Roope who is accompanying Mr. Clark over this portion of the lines, and Mr. T. T. Fryer, General Storekeeper. The party made a visit to the shops and conferred with the local officials of the company. It is not believed the visit amounted to more than the ordinary inspection although it may have been taken in connection with the proposed change in the divisions of the company, the local shops being the only ones on the new Omaha division. If the latter was the business it might result in bringing a great deal more work to these shops which everyone would be pleased to see.

#### Preparing to Build.

A. F. Hedengren, master carpenter for the new Omaha division of the Burlington, was in the city overnight on this morning. Workmen were engaged today in clearing away the debris of the old burned freight station and Mr. Hedengren states that work on the new station will commence immediately although plans are not yet completed. He could not say as to what kind of a station the company would build but believed the chances favored a brick station as large at least as the old one and possibly larger. The use of brick minimized danger of destruction by fire and for this reason he considered it more than probable it would be so built. Mr. Hedengren has a number of important building matters on hand in this section and is kept on the go every day.

#### THE LATE DOCTOR HOMER L. MATTHEWS.

##### Passes Away March 30, at His Home at Auburn, Nebraska.

The many friends of Dr. H. L. Matthews in Auburn and Nemaha County were pained when they heard of his death, which occurred at his home in this city last Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock.

Homer Lawrence Matthews was born April 19, 1823, near Mentor, Ohio, about twenty miles from Cleveland, and died March 30, 1909, at Auburn, Neb., aged 85 years, 11 months and 11 days.

At the age of 17 he went to White Pigeon, Mich., with his brothers, where he remained until 1841, when the family moved to Jefferson County, Iowa. He united with the Christian church when he was about 20 years old, during a visit to his old home in Ohio, taking the hand of Isaac Errett upon his confession of faith.

As a boy in his teens he attended the Baptist seminary at Kalamazoo, Mich., and later entered upon the study of medicine under his brother, a practicing physician in Indiana. This preparation was supplemented by work in the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati. He began to practice medicine in Red Rock, Ia., in 1848, and continued this profession throughout the active years of his life. In 1850 he crossed the plains with ox teams, returning from California to his practice in Iowa the next year by way of Panama. In 1853 he was married to Mary Deeweese of Red Rock. To this union was born one daughter. In 1861 he returned to California over the Salt Lake train, remaining three years in Visalia. From there he removed to Virginia City, Mont., and in 1867 he made the journey from Fort Benton to Brownville, Neb. Nemaha county has since been his home. In 1871 his wife died and three years later he married Miss Ruth Summers of Springfield, Ill., whom he survived twelve years. To this union was born two daughters and one son.

The funeral was held at the Christian church on Wednesday. Rev. Hugh Lomax officiating. Interment was in Bethel cemetery in London precinct.

Edgar Reynolds, a nephew of the doctor from Tecumseh, and Wiltse Majors, an old friend from Peru, were in attendance at the funeral.—Nemaha County Herald.

#### Aids Revival Services.

From Friday's Daily.  
Rev. Nathaniel G. McGiffin, pastor of the Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church in Omaha, who preached at the revival meeting last evening in place of Rev. Chester Birch returned to his home in Omaha this morning on the early train. He was the guest of Rev. J. H. Salsbury during his stay in the city. Rev. McGiffin is a brother of Capt. Philo McGiffin who commanded the Chinese fleet in the battle with the Japanese fleet at Yalu during the Chinese-Japanese war. Capt. McGiffin had a picturesque career and his life has been made the subject for a number of sketches in magazines and periodicals. Tonight the Rev. M. V. Higbie of the North Presbyterian church of Omaha will occupy the pulpit and conduct the services at the revival meeting. Rev. Higbie is said to be an eloquent and forceful speaker and those attending will probably hear a fine sermon. On tomorrow (Saturday) night there will be given a sacred concert and a brief sermon, Rev. Birch expecting to be back by that time and to conduct the services. Owing to his recent bereavement and the fact that he has been compelled to make so long a journey and also to the fact that on Sunday he expects to preach at the men's meeting at the Parmele theater Rev. Birch's sermon will necessarily be short tomorrow night.

Rev. J. H. Salsbury this afternoon received a telegram announcing that Rev. Chester Birch will certainly be here tomorrow morning and hold the meeting tomorrow night.

#### Good Words for Ethel Dovey.

But the attraction that will undoubtedly please theatrical lovers is "Stubborn Cinderella," which is booked for April 14. Miss Ethel Dovey, the popular little actress who never fails to play to a packed house in Fremont, has the title role and is ably supported by Frederick Truesdale and a large company. Miss Dovey has appeared before the amusement lovers of Fremont four times in the past two years—twice in the "Land of Nod" and twice in the "District Leader"—and she has never disappointed them.—Fremont Herald.

#### Protection From Floods.

A. B. Fuller, an extensive land owner near Ashland, was in Lincoln yesterday and expressed himself in regard to drainage of Salt Creek. A number of the citizens of that district formerly had an organization seeking relief from the continuous floods, but by a decision of the supreme court the organization was invalidated. For the present there will be no new organization formed, but as soon as the government survey is finished, the district will again band together, either as a local drainage district or one that will extend from the mouth of Salt Creek to the city of Lincoln. The government survey will be started April 7, at the mouth of Salt Creek, which is about three miles northeast of Ashland. This survey will be extended through all of the Salt Creek valley and most of the tributary valleys Mr. Fuller says that the people in the vicinity of Ashland are almost unanimous for the drainage system. For five years past the people have suffered the destruction of nearly all their crops along Salt Creek valley. Mr. Fuller estimates his personal loss for the last two years at from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The damage incurred along Salt Creek during the past few years would more than put in the drainage system. At a rough estimate, it is thought that \$5 to \$10 per acre on the land involved would pay for its protection.—Lincoln News.

#### DEATH OF ESTIMABLE AND POPULAR YOUNG MAN.

From Saturday's Daily.

Charles Earl Hetherington Dies at Beaver City, Neb., Wednesday. DIED—Hetherington. Charles Earl, aged 21 years, 4 months, at Beaver City, Neb., on Wednesday, March 31, 1909, of septic peritonitis. Funeral from St. John's Catholic church, Plattsmouth, Neb., on Saturday, April 3, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. Friends will note the casket will be open until 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday morning at the home in South Park.

The body of Charles Earl Hetherington, formerly of this city arrived here this morning for interment in the Catholic cemetery near Oak Hill. The news of the untimely death of this popular young man caused profound regret in this city where he was so well known. He had been taken with appendicitis while working at Beaver City and his condition rapidly became so alarming that his parents were notified and his mother hurried to his bedside. It had been the intention to operate upon him but the physicians concluded not to do so as the disease had progressed too far, and although every possible effort was made to avert the end, it was unavailing.

The young man was a son of C. E. Hetherington and wife of this city and for a number of years he lived in this community where he had formed a host of friends. Recently he had gone to Beaver City to work, and there as here he had proven one of the most exemplary, upright and popular young men in the community.

A further sketch of his life will appear shortly in this paper.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from St. John's church in this city, Rev. Father M. Shine conducting the services. The funeral will be in charge of Straight & Straight, funeral directors. The casket will be opened this afternoon and evening and tomorrow until 10 o'clock for those of his friends who would desire to view him before his final rest, at the home of the parents in the southern part of the city.

In their great grief over the loss of a son of so much promise and so great a future, the parents have the sympathy of the entire community and in their sorrow they can feel that all who know this fine young man feel as they do.

#### Mr. Gering Improved.

Matthew Gering who has been under the weather for several days, suffering from an attack of the grip, was able to get down town this morning for the first time. He is not well yet but he thought he could stand to do some work at his office. However, he found that his strength was not equal to the emergency and he was compelled to give it up and return home. It is to be hoped that he will soon find himself able to be out and about again and that his clients will soon have the benefit of his services.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Ossenkop will be pleased to hear that the latest reports from her bedside are of the most encouraging nature.

#### Denies He is Dead.

Henry Bethers steadfastly and persistently refuses to admit that he is dead. The man whose charred remains were supposed to have been found in a car of hot ashes at Valley, Neb., about the middle of February walked unconcernedly into the home of his relatives in the southwestern portion of the city yesterday afternoon and announced that he had come back.

"We were never so happy in our lives," declared one of the members of the family. At first we hardly dared let him go to the home of our father and mother, but he finally went up there, and we are all happy now."

Bethers, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Bethers of 1405 Sixteenth avenue, left home in search of a job and nothing was heard of him for several days, when the remains of an unknown man resembling him in general features were found badly charred in the car of ashes at Valley. Much of the body was entirely consumed and the face was burned beyond recognition.

From some of the clothing, however, what was believed to be a complete identification was made by members of the family who went to Omaha for that purpose. The remains were brought to Council Bluffs and interred in Fairview cemetery, the members of the family grieving for their lost son and brother.

Until his return home young Bethers had no idea that he was being mourned as dead, and at first could hardly credit the report that his body was lying beneath the sod in Fairview. He says he has "just been traveling," and had visited in St. Louis since he left Council Bluffs.—World-Herald. Bethers was a former resident of this city and considerable curiosity was excited over his reported death at the time it was reported.

#### Made a Small haul.

From Friday's Daily.  
Night before last burglars made a visit to the home of Emil Wurl and succeeded in getting away with some six dollars in money as well as several suits of underwear and other articles. The burglars effected their entrance by means of a window in the kitchen which was not locked. It was after midnight when the raid was made as it was almost that hour before Mr. Wurl retired. The work was done very quietly, a pocket book belonging to Mrs. Wurl being despoiled of some \$2.50 or \$2.75 while other articles in the room were also taken along. Escape is supposed to have been effected in the same manner in which entrance was made. The burglary was not discovered until morning when the officers were immediately notified but they have been unable to locate the burglars so far. It is the belief of both Mr. Wurl and the police officials that the work was that of local talent and the police are working along these lines and trying to locate them. A number of tramps and hoboes have been seen through this section and the police have been making a careful examination of them but without so far locating anything definite.

#### Receives Sad News.

From Friday's Daily.  
Mrs. J. M. Leek yesterday afternoon received the sad intelligence of the death of her niece Mrs. Letitia Wells at Avard, Okla. No particulars were given as to the cause of death. Mrs. Wells leaves a husband and three children surviving her. Owing to the distance and the inability to make the trip in time for the funeral services, Mr. and Mrs. Leek will be unable to attend. In her sorrow she has the heartfelt sympathy of all.

#### Something Unusual.

The Missouri Pacific railway has been running some of its passenger trains on time with the result that a number of passengers who are not used to such things have missed their trains. This railroad does this by spurts and then starts in again and runs these trains anything from one to five hours late and some times even later.—Nebraska City News.

A Jackson McNatt of Kenosha was in town Tuesday and made us a social call. He related a story of James Pitch killing a span of wild geese, the event being so unexpected that Jack and Lig Brown had to give him a bath and sit up with him that night.—Union Ledger.

#### A Great Success.

Mrs. George E. Dovey of this city, has just received a letter from her daughter Miss Alice Dovey, now playing Lolo, in "A Stubborn Cinderella" at the Broadway theater, New York city, in which that charming young prima donna tells of her prospects for next season which are brilliant indeed. Miss Dovey is considering an engagement with four different stars, all of them of the first magnitude, they being Blanche Ring, Anna Held, Sam Bernard and DeWolf Hopper. Miss Dovey's pronounced hit in "A Stubborn Cinderella" has brought her prominently before the leading theatrical men of the country and they are making a sharp bid for her services. Her vocal teacher Prof. Alfred Lowerson is enthusiastic over her wonderful progress and predicts a great future for her. He hopes that she will embrace grand opera and leave the light operas in which she has so signally succeeded for the more difficult roles of grand opera. An engagement with the forces of Oscar Hammerstein, the present chief impresario of America, has been arranged and considerable depends upon the outcome of this as to her future course. Miss Dovey's great success is very pleasing not alone to her parents but to the general public of this city, with whom she has always been a favorite and they all join in the hopes that her pleasing anticipations as to a future in grand opera are realized.

#### New Transcontinental.

Chicago, April 2.—It was announced today from the offices of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad in this city that without any golden spike, without the presence of any of the principal officers of the company, the last rail on the Pacific coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, now known as the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railway has been laid at a point two miles east of Missoula. There was no celebration of any kind and the completion of the sixth transcontinental railroad was simply a part of the day's work.

The length of the extension just completed from the Missouri river to Seattle and Tacoma, is a trifle over 1,400 miles. The completion of the new transcontinental line creates a world's record for rapidity of railway construction. The first shovel full of earth on the new line was turned April 15, 1906. Since then 60,000,000 cubic yards of material has been excavated, 350,000 yards of tunnel driven, 20 miles of bridges erected and 200,000 tons of 85 pound rails laid at a total cost of \$85,000,000. The ballasting of the new transcontinental line will be completed about June 1, 1909, and regular freight and local passenger service will be established thereafter.

#### Delightfully Surprised.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Miss Edna Lushinsky at her beautiful home on Wintersteen Hill last evening and a very pleasant time was spent in games and music. Refreshments were served to all and at a late hour the guests departed.

Those taking part were: Cecill Hawkenberry, Estella Geis, Jennie Burton, Etta Hyde, Clara Goos, Alberta Thomas, Luella White, Della White, Marie Joursek, Barbara Bull, Grace Lushinsky, Mary Swartz, Edna Lushinsky, Harry White Earl Geis, Francis D. Whelan, Otto Bullin, Earl Hyde, Henry Lutz, Otto Lutz, Lester B. Dalton, Carl Dalton, Edward G. Ofe, Frank Cook, Ralph Smith, George Gobelman, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Roy Thompson.

#### Resolution.

Da es dem allmaechtigen Gott gefallen hat, die unvergessliche Ehefrau unseres Bruders William Wholfarth in ein besseres Jenseits zee sick zee nermen, sei es beschlossen von der Germania Doge No. 81 A. O. U. W. das wir mit den Ueberlebenden Bruder und dessen Familie den Todesfall tief betrauern, und denselben in Anbruch dieses Verlustes bierdie unser Beileid ausdruecken. Beschlossen das eine inderfertigung desser Beschlusses den trauernden Bruder und Familie ueberreicht, in die taeklige Teitung inserirt, und in das Protokoll der Lodge eingetragen werde.

Joe Droege,  
John Dishman,  
Hans Siewers,  
Committee.

#### Farm for Sale.

I am offering a farm for sale two miles southwest of Myrand at ninety dollars per acre. Also one 3 1/2 miles south of Murray.  
Earl V. Cole.