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COLORADO OFFICIAL IS DETAINED

Initiation of Habeas Corpus Proceedings by the Prisoner's Attorney Judge Sullivan

From Friday's Daily Sheriff Joseph Esser of Canyon City, Col., arrived in the city last evening, having the requisition papers for Otto H. Seydlitz, wanted at Canyon City for attempted murder. Just previous to his arrival A. N. Sullivan, acting for Seydlitz, filed a petition before County Judge Beeson, asking for a writ of habeas corpus for Seydlitz. The petition runs against Sheriff C. D. Quinton and recites brief, that the relator Seydlitz, is wrongfully and unlawfully deprived of his liberty by the sheriff, and that he is held without due process of law, and with no process or complaint filed against him. Judge Beeson who was ill at his home with the grippe, issued the writ returnable at once and delivered it to Attorney Sullivan who in turn handed it to the Sheriff.

Rather than be in contempt of court or take chances of so being considered, the sheriff declined to turn over the prisoner and Sheriff Esser did not feel that he ought to start with the prisoner until the case was heard, so he stayed over until this morning when the matter was for hearing before Judge Beeson.

Judge Beeson was able to get down to his office this morning and was prepared to take up the case when he recollects that this was a legal holiday in this state and he could make no orders in the matter. Sheriff Esser was on hand and Deputy Sheriff Manspeaker brought over Seydlitz. County Attorney Ramsey appeared for Sheriff Quinton who was absent in Lincoln. Mr. Ramsey filed a motion to dismiss the suit as no service of the writ had been had on the Sheriff, it appearing that the only official having authority to serve the writ was the Coroner while the writ had been placed in the Sheriff's hands for service upon himself. A. N. Sullivan appeared for Seydlitz and after some discussion, Judge Beeson held that he was without jurisdiction to make any orders in the case, and continued it over until tomorrow morning at which time it will be heard. Seydlitz was remanded back to jail.

From Sheriff Esser, who is sheriff

of Fremont County, Col., it is learned that Seydlitz is wanted for an attempt to murder one Dr. Berklin, French consul at Denver. Col. Seydlitz is employed on a ranch owned by Dr. Berklin some twelve miles from Canyon City, and a short time since a number of cows on the ranch were badly maltreated presumably by Seydlitz. Dr. Berklin who is described by Sheriff Esser as a man some sixty-five years or so of age and weighs about one hundred pounds went to his ranch and found the condition of the cattle. He started to upbraid Seydlitz, who immediately attacked him, knocking him down and kicking him unconscious, breaking a number of his ribs and otherwise maltreating him so that he was believed to be dead. This happened on April 5th, and since that time Dr. Berklin has been hovering between life and death.

A complaint was filed against Seydlitz and he was arrested. At the preliminary examination, he was bound over for trial in the district court and bail bond fixed. It is not believed that he would be able to give the bond when it was fixed and it was put at a small amount. By some means Seydlitz contrived to get to a western Nebraska town, such as several years' rent free of charge, and while it was not his intention to accept the offer he might do so if business did not increase within the next few months.

Judging from the advertising columns of the Journal the past year, the Nebraska towns and people are fully aware of the fact that Mr. Fanger is a live merchant all the time, one that many towns are desirous of securing, and one that Platts-mouth cannot afford to lose. The people of Platts-mouth and vicinity must purchase more goods at home if they wish to retain live merchants in the city. At least give the home merchant the benefit of the doubt and compare his goods and prices to that of the foreign dealer, who in every instance assists in building up and maintaining a foreign city, and tearing down what might be one of the most prosperous cities in Nebraska. Think of it when you buy your goods from the Omaha merchant.

Gives Bloom Four Years.

Judge Travis this morning held a brief session of district court to hear the case of the State vs. Andrew Bloom. Bloom who has been in the county jail for the past two days, was very anxious that the court should hear his case and give him his sentence and with this end in view Judge Travis consented to hear the matter this morning.

Bloom was brought over to the court room from the jail and brought before Judge Travis who had the information read to the defendant by County Attorney Ramsey. Bloom listened to the reading of the information without a change of expression and when asked to plead either "guilty" or "not guilty" he answered without a tremor, "guilty." When asked if there was any reason why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, he replied that he knew of none as he had taken the goods.

The information was identical with the complaint filed before Justice Archer and charged both burglary and grand larceny against Bloom. Under the law the minimum sentence which Judge Travis could impose was one year on each count. Judge Travis listened to Bloom's confession of guilt and after deliberating a few minutes passed sentence. He sentenced Bloom to four years confinement in the penitentiary at hard labor. He did not state the term upon each count and presumably the judge felt that two years for each was enough.

Bloom seemed thoroughly satisfied and the general sentiment of all who heard the facts in the case was that Judge Travis was lenient enough although Bloom's intelligence seemed to indicate that he was entitled to the benefit of the court's mercy. He was apparently well pleased at the outcome and anxious to get to start to serve his sentence.

Sheriff Quinton after sentence was passed stated that he expected to

YOU CAN STOP THIS

There is a Possibility of M. Fanger Leaving Town.

The Journal man this morning visited the store of M. Fanger in regard to an advertising proposition, the outcome of which you will find a large ad elsewhere in this issue for his Dry Goods, Millinery and Tailored Garment Department, and in another location for his clothing department.

After securing the copy for the above advertisement we inquired of Mr. Fanger how spring business was progressing, which led him to telling us that he did not believe the people appreciated a store like his, they preferred going to Omaha to purchase an inferior article from a smaller line at an advanced price over that asked by him.

For several years he has handled the popular Wooltex Garments and well knows where he speaks when he says that the merchants of Omaha are asking more money for the same article from the people of this vicinity than what they can be bought from his store right at home. This same situation also applies to the millinery department, as well as numerous others.

He further stated that if the people did not care to buy such a garment at home, and continued to make their selections away this would be his last season to carry ready made ladies wearing apparel.

He further stated that he had been offered a most encouraging proposition to remove his entire stock to a western Nebraska town, such as several years' rent free of charge, and while it was not his intention to accept the offer he might do so if business did not increase within the next few months.

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Surprise Gathering.

Last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Meisinger residing three miles east of Cedar Creek, was a scene of much pleasure and merriment, the occasion being a surprise gathering in honor of their daughter, Miss Katie's birthday. The affair was planned and carried out to a most enjoyable ending. A most delicious luncheon was served.

At a late hour the guests departed for home, all agreeing of having a very pleasant time. Those taking part were: Cora and Edna Meisinger, Emma and Maggie Albert, Mayme and Ida Meisinger, Doris and Marie Sander, Luella Kaffenberger, Marie, Otto, Maggie, Mary, Lulu and Katie Meisinger, and Martha Lincoln, Babs and Willie Meisinger, Henry Sander, Henry and Philip Albert, Elmer and Clarence Meisinger, August, Fred and Mike Kaffenberger, George Hobson, Oliver Osborn, and Henry Thieroff.

Cast of Characters.

Mr. Asa Tompkins, a prosperous farmer who cannot bear deceit Carl Hunger

Dixey, the hired man, one of nature's noblemen, Ernest Hutcheson John Remington, a fine young man in love with Louise Percy Wheeler

Jerry, a halfgrown, awkward country lad Will Smith

Louise, the daughter whom Mr. Tompkins believes to be his own Minnie Hutcheson

Julia, the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins Beulah Sans Ruth, a niece of Mr. Tompkins, boarding at the Tompkins' home Florence Hutcheson

Mrs. Sarah Tompkins, a woman with a secret that embitters her Eva Porter

Admission 10 cents.

Grand Ball.

At Murray, Neb., Saturday evening, May 1, given by G. E. Burger at Jenkins' Hall. Music by L. F. Jacobs orchestra of Omaha. Make it a point to attend this dance, as every effort will be made to give you a good time.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Address by H. A. Holdrege and Letter From W. C. Brown of the New York Central

Washington dispatches announce the appointment of F. Clark Thomas as mail carrier out of this city with John Schutz as substitute. Mr. Thomas succeeded his brother Cecili, who is now located at Fort Leaven, Cal., in an automobile garage, and he has been acting carrier since his brother's departure. He is popular and well liked by the patrons of the route and is a bit successor to his popular brother.

THE "STAG" DINNER

Gering Home Scene of Most Enjoyable and Successful Affair

From Friday's Daily.

The "stag" dinner given last evening at the Gering residence on North Sixth street to a large company of gentlemen, was one of the finest affairs ever given in the city. For the occasion the splendid Gering manse had been tastefully decorated and every possible effort had been made to make the affair one which would live forever in the memories of those participating in it. The dinner was given as a benefit to the fund for rebuilding and refurnishing the rectory of St. Luke's church and it was a fine success.

There was a large attendance of gentlemen who had been specially invited to the dinner, practically all the plates subscribed for being taken and the affair throughout was ascribed the most enjoyable of its kind ever given here.

It is quite needless to say ought of the dinner itself. It was prepared by the members of St. Mary's Guild and was thoroughly up to the standard which this splendid organization has produced in the past. In addition to the superb quality of the dinner the service was far above the ordinary, it being in the hands of the members of the Guild who devoted themselves to making the dinner pass off without a flaw. The young ladies in their unaccustomed positions as waitresses acquitted themselves grandly and their guests were most loud in their praise of their charming and handsome hostess.

Following the dinner an impromptu program of toasts was had, the more prominent members of the party being called upon for brief toasts and responding in most happy vein. Hon. R. B. Windom acted as toast master and he introduced each of the speakers in his own pleasing and polished manner. It is a matter of regret that pressure upon the news columns today preclude going into the details of the toasts which were of a high order of merit and many of which were full of the most hopeful thoughts and suggestions for the future of the city, the church and society. A glance at the program of the speakers with their toasts will reveal the wealth of oratory and wisdom which regaled the auditors. The toasts responded to were as follows:

Music Hath Charms to Sooth the Savage—E. H. Wescott.

The Youth of Platts-mouth—Prof. J. W. Gamble.

Platts-mouth and Its Interests—J. P. Falter.

Fellowship—D. C. Morgan.

Platts-mouth City Council—Mayor J. P. Sattler.

The Churches of Platts-mouth—Hon. H. D. Travis.

Woman—Dr. E. D. Cummins.

Shall the Ladies Do All the Work of the Church?—Canon Burgess.

Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You—Dr. T. P. Livingston.

Our Public Library—D. O. Dwyer.

Arbor Day—Matthew Gering.

In addition to the above fine list of toasts, one of the great features of the occasion was a solo by C. W. Baylor, well known now as one of the best singers in the city. Mr. Baylor's solo vied with the great speakers in dividing the applause of the fortunate attendants upon the dinner.

One of the best features of the affair was the feeling of good fellowship which the occasion aroused and the hearty wish expressed for such occasions to be made monthly or bi-monthly. The proposal of one of the speakers that a monthly dinner of the nature inaugurated by the ladies be given, aroused great enthusiasm and it is highly probable the matter will be put into execution through the medium of the Commercial Club. All in all the dinner was a vast success.

Last Wednesday night the members of the Young Men's Bible Class of the Methodist church held one of their regular meetings to listen to a number which was one of the events of their course. This was the lecture of H. A. Holdridge of Omaha. Mr. Holdridge, who is a son of Geo. W. Holdridge of the Burlington, who is general manager of the Omaha Light & Power Company spoke to the class, upon "Electrical Engineering" a topic with which he is thoroughly conversant and upon which he is at home. Mr. Holdridge is not in any sense of the word an orator and lays no claim to this distinction. He is a plain business man with plenty of strong common sense which has made his father so well known and so successful and he impressed his hearers Wednesday night with this fact. His address was to the effect that there was no better field extant for education than in electrical engineering. There are all possible chances for advancement and he advocated the specialization of this study. He pointed out the wonderful advance which electricity had made in the last fifty years and the rapid broadening of the field and the myriad applications being made of electricity. The advance of the interurban and electric railways was a special topic of the address. It was highly pleasing to the audience.

E. H. Wescott also furnished a strong number to the evening's program in the shape of some correspondence with W. C. Brown, recently elected president of the New York Central Ry., and formerly connected with the Burlington. Mr. Wescott had read an article in a weekly paper commenting upon Mr. Brown's rise and he was constrained to write him and ask him for a message to the young men of this city. He received in reply a most courteous letter which is presented herewith, and which is a marvel of help to the growing men of the class and the city. Mr. Brown's letter follows:

New York, April 9, 1909.

Mr. E. H. Wescott,

Care of C. E. Wescott's Sons,

Platts-mouth, Neb.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your very kind letter of March 31st, and have read with much interest of the work you are doing in trying to aid the young men in your community. Although I am driven with work at present, I am glad of the opportunity to speak an encouraging word to these young men, and shall feel amply repaid if some word that I may write shall be helpful to one of your boys entering upon life's duties and responsibilities.

In these days we are easily led to believe that each succeeding generation has settled the larger problems of life and of government; not only for itself but for much of the future.

With best wishes for yourself and the members of the Young Men's Bible Class, I am,

Yours very truly,

W. C. Brown.

Young Fire Chief.

Anton H. Koubek, chief of the Platts-mouth fire department, now claims the distinction of being the youngest man in that position in the state. Mr. Koubek began fighting fires early in life and at the age of seven years he tackled a fire which was burning his father's home and assisted materially in quenching the flames. Koubek is now 22 years old and has been chief of the Platts-mouth fire department since the first of the year.—Lincoln Star.

H. Kupke, one of the good men of the vicinity of Murdock dropped into the city this morning on business matters and having some little time on his hands, called at the Journal office and renewed his subscription. Mr. Kupke is one of the upright, square men of his section and just the kind this paper likes to number among its friends. His visits come all too few and far between and it is the hope of the Journal that he can be seen here more frequently. He is one of the best of Cass county men.

Tonight they will write a letter to the girl's mother in Louisville, Ky., and tell her that the daughter has made a fortune, and that the west is a good place in which to live.

They will also invite her to Omaha to spend the summer, and the letter will be signed as your loving daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker.

Of course it will further explain that after spending one year in traveling over the middle western states, she stopped with friends at Nehawka, became acquainted with Mr. Parker, and was married on Arbor Day by County Judge Leslie.

They are celebrating Arbor Day by hunting a six-room house.—Omaha News.

Mrs. Cole is spending the day in Omaha being a passenger this morning on the early train for that city.

Finds New Home.

Three years ago 18-year-old Elizabeth Fields left her Kentucky home and started west to make her way in the world.

Harry C. Parker, a mechanical engineer of Omaha, Neb., is glad to say the girl had the nerve enough to strike out for herself.

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