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CHARLES J. BAKER NOW ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Case Called This Morning Before Judge Pemberton and Jury—A Very Interesting and Sensational Case.

From Monday's daily.

The case of the State vs. Baker is called for trial this morning in the district court before Judge Pemberton. This is a bigamy case, a rare kind of case in this county. The statement of the case seems to be that Charles J. Baker came to this city some months since and met Mrs. Lillian K. Vroman, the widow of the late Charles Vroman, and eventually married her while his first wife was still living and undivorced at Ashtabula, Ohio. The first wife, who also has a daughter, is present in the city and will be the star witness for the prosecution. She is accompanied by her brother, P. W. Shaw, who is assisting the prosecution materially.

The case promises to be an interesting one as County Attorney Ramsey has plenty of material on which to build the case. The selection of the jury took up the greater part of the morning, the jurors being finally chosen just at noon, after which court adjourned until 1:30 p.m. The jurors finally chosen to try the case are Fred H. Black, Ed. Casey, John Coleman, Frank Cox, William Foltz, Charles Frolich, Dan McNeely, Herman Schmidt, A. L. Todd, George H. Towle, J. W. Wiseman, G. B. Zeigler.

The trial of the case is one which will be worth looking after. The defendant is represented by Attorneys A. N. Sullivan and Matthew Gering, while the state will depend upon County Attorney William C. Ramsey to secure a conviction. The evidence, which the state relies upon to prove their case by is that Baker was married to his first wife in Ohio and that he deserted her and came to Nebraska, leaving the wife with a daughter to look after. In Nebraska he met with Mrs. Vroman, who had some insurance left her by her late husband, and he paid her attentions with the result that marriage resulted as above set forth. All this was done without the formality of a divorce from the Ohio wife. From some source the latter found out the man's duplicity and determined to prosecute him. She took the matter up with County Attorney Ramsey, who investigated it very carefully as is his custom, and determined that the woman had a good cause of action. Therefore he brought the action in the name of the state. The preliminary be-

COLD WATER A DELUSION

Many Theories Have Been Advanced as to the Cause of the Recent Disaster at Lincoln.

George A. Pierce, the Burlington engineer injured in the explosion of locomotive No. 2046 at Lincoln last Thursday, died Saturday in a hospital at Lincoln from the effects of his injuries. The funeral services will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the home 1108 T. street. Interment will be at Wyuka cemetery. Dr. G. F. Roach will conduct the ceremonies. All engineers are requested to attend the funeral.

The funeral of the late Charles R. Meacham, the fireman who was killed in the same explosion was held yesterday afternoon from his late home at 818 University avenue, Lincoln, and was very largely attended.

In connection with the explosion which was considered by many as the result of no water in the boiler, it is interesting to note an article which recently appeared in Railway and Locomotive Engineering, a magazine devoted to the interests of engineers. The article follows:

We have repeatedly discussed the pernicious fallacy that injecting cold water upon overheated boiler sheets is likely to cause an explosion; but the mistaken impression upon that subject are so difficult to eradicate from popular belief that we return to the subject.

When water in a boiler is found to be low the first duty of the man in charge is to force water inside as quickly as possible. The belief that boilers with overheated sheets were likely to explode if cold water was injected upon the plates that hot cast iron plates often fracture when cold water is thrown upon them, is however, different with the mild steel that steam boilers are made of. That material softens or becomes annealed when quenched in cold water, test proving the truth of that, which any mechanic or engineer can carry out for himself.

The beginning of this most unfortunate "red-hot cold water" boiler explosion theory was a philosophical experiment conducted by an English professor as follows: He first observed that water in small quantities dropped upon very hot metal did not wet the metal, nor was it evaporated in the usual way. He then took a platinum dish, heated it red-hot by means of an alcohol lamp and into this poured a small quantity of water; he found that it assumed globular form without seeming to touch the metal, and appeared to be held away by an invisible cushion. It did not evaporate rapidly, but slowly dried away, until at a certain time the remaining droplets exploded with great violence. He then deduced and proclaimed the theory of the spheroidal condition in red-hot boilers, which was to account for all mysterious boiler explosions.

This theory concerning boiler exploding by cold water being pumped upon hot plates took such a firm hold upon people intrusted with the care of boilers, that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company determined to make tests to demonstrate the fallacy of the popular delusion. A locomotive was run out on a side track near Altoona, and the plan was to fire the boiler until the steam was high, then blow it out to expose the crown sheet and allow it to become red hot, then to force cold water into the boiler from a fire engine placed at a safe distance away. The first plan miscarried, for they fired the old boiler while full of water till the steamer reached 200 pounds, when it suddenly went to pieces. That proved that being full of water did not prevent a boiler from exploding.

The company then took a second old engine to repeat the tests. The boiler was fired up and steam raised considerably above the regular working pressure. Then they ran the water off until the crown sheet was bare, and allowed it to become red hot, after which they pumped in cold water. The only effect was to cause the seams to leak.

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ENGINE EXPLOSION AT LINCOLN

The Coroner's Jury Unable to Determine the True Cause of the Accident.

The coroner's jury which investigated the cause of the fatal explosion of the boiler of engine No. 2046 of the Burlington at Lincoln day before yesterday, rendered the following verdict:

"That Charles A. Meacham came to his death on the eighteenth day of November, 1909, about 2 o'clock p.m., by the blowing up of the boiler of engine number 2046, known as class R4, of the Burlington railroad, the accident having occurred at the point where the main line crosses A. street in the city of Lincoln. We, the jury cannot determine the cause of the explosion."

The jury heard a large number of witnesses including a number of experts on the cause of the explosion, the general trend of whose testimony seemed to be that the engine had run dry causing the crown sheet to burn and drop down. They also heard the testimony of eye witnesses to the disaster, who could not, however, say anything as to the cause of the accident.

The funeral of the dead fireman, Charles R. Meacham, will take place tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon from his home at 818 University avenue, Lincoln. The time is 2:30 p.m.

The condition of the men injured continues much the same as at first

FAMOUS COATES-HEROLD CASE

Judgment for Plaintiff in the Sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

All men connected with boilers should remember not to let the water in the boiler get low. But if by accident it should become low, hurry to put water inside.

William Sellers, the famous machine tool maker, was not noted as a public speaker, but when he ventured to say anything at engineering meeting his words were remembered. At one time years ago Philadelphia was much excited on the subject of boiler explosions, several accidents to boilers having wakened the natives. William Sellers attended one of these meetings and was asked to explain his theory of the cause of boiler explosions. The reply came promptly: "Because the pressure inside is greater than the strength outside."

The Late John P. McPherson.

The body of the late John P. McPherson arrived in this city this afternoon at 1:30 on the Burlington train from Omaha. It was the intention to hold the funeral from the residence of Fred Ramge at 2 p.m., but owing to the absence of any members of the family, the matter was held in abeyance. Those living in Omaha seemed to have missed the train which brought down the body.

In Saturday's Journal a brief account of Capt. McPherson's life was given. His age was stated to be 70 years which was according to the best authority to be had then. It is now known he was 73 years old. The facts as related regarding his residence here were correct and in addition it can be stated he was engaged in the lumber and coal business at Greenwood up to five years ago, when he went to Heyburn, Idaho, where his death occurred. The names of his two daughters were Edna and Grace, both of whom are married and one of whom Edna, lives at Heyburn. The other daughter, Grace, lives in Omaha. Owing to illness the latter is not expected to attend the funeral.

The funeral of the late Capt. McPherson took place from the residence of Fred Ramge this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Canon H. B. Burgess officiating. The remains were interred at Oak Hill. The family of Capt. McPherson arrived in the city on the Schuyler train at 3:50 p.m. having been delayed by missing the train in Omaha.

A Delightful Occasion.

The Bohemian Catholic Turners held a dance last Saturday evening at their hall on West Elm street, which was a fine gathering and one which all attending appreciated. The evening was spent most delightfully in dancing and the large attendance indicated how much those who were fortunate enough to attend, enjoyed themselves.

There was excellent music presented, a fine orchestra playing the very best of music and in every way the evening an enjoyable one. The dances of this society are very delightful affair to attend and the winter promises to be made enjoyable by a large number of them. All who attended have been heard to express the hope that the society will give many more of their dances in the future. This dance was for the public and it was well patronized with the very best of order and good conduct prevailing.

Worthy Young Man Honored.

The annual convention of the blacksmiths, horsehoers and wheelwrights of the state was held last week at Lincoln and in the election of officers they honored a former Plattsburgh boy by choosing him vice-president. William A. Lloyd was the young man honored. Bill Lloyd, as he is familiarly known, is a rattling good horsehoer and blacksmith and stands at the front rank of his trade. The Journal is pleased to note that his fellow workers appreciate his ability and trust that the time is not far distant when he can make it read president. He is a good man and a worthy one in every way and his advancement is a pleasure to every one of his many friends in this city.

Mrs. F. H. Steimker was among those going to Omaha this morning, where she will spend the day with friends.

Will Open Next Monday.

Work on the M. E. Smith factory is progressing rapidly and this week will see the building in full shape for operation. Several representatives of the firm were in the city today and in conversation with the Journal man, it is stated the firm expects to have their plant in full operation within a week. They believe they can open up on next Monday with a force of sixty girls. With this force they can turn out a big product. The interior of the factory is rapidly presenting the appearance of a real live factory with machinery in sight and every auxiliary of a shirt and overall establishment in full view.

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD CONTEST

A Number of Cass County Young Ladies in the Race, and Some Near the Top

A great deal of interest is being taken in this city and vicinity in the contest now being conducted by the Omaha World-Herald for the most popular young lady in the vicinity. The first prize is an automobile, while there are a large number of others. A number of Plattsburgh and Cass county young ladies are well up on the list of competitors and stand an excellent chance of landing some of the prizes and possibly the grand prize. Those from this city and vicinity who are on the list are headed by Miss Katherine Oliver of this city, who now ranks fifth with 185,500 votes to her credit. She is close to the high girl and looks to be a winner. Miss Luella Hansell, of Union, comes behind her with 139,980. Miss Norma McDonald, of Greenwood has 112,920. Miss Louise Broadway, of this city has 100,390. Miss Marguerite Thomas of this city has 98,580. Miss Janet Brantner of this city has 67,820. Frances Morley of this city has 60,320. Miss Leone Switzer, of Weeping Water has 49,820. Miss Ethel Leyda of this city has 34,720. Miss Clara Jenkins of Manley has 17,160. Miss Daisy Langhorst of Elmwood has 10,340. Miss Zelma Tuey of this city has 8,520. This makes quite an imposing list of Cass county young women and they are all winners as outsiders would know, if they were acquainted with them.

Traps Big Opossum.

Remarkable things are happening around Plattsburgh these days. Last Saturday night Jesse Blunt performed one of the most remarkable feats in local annals. He trapped a big, live opossum right down in the heart of the city. Seeing a hole in the ground near Bach's store on lower Main street which looked as if it might be an opossum hole, Jesse secured a steel trap and set the same near it. Later in the evening he went down to inspect the results of his scheme and was surprised and gratified to find he had trapped a real opossum which had been making its home in the ground under the building. The remarkable feature of the matter is that such an animal should locate right in one of the busiest sections of the city where there is a constant stream of humanity passing and repassing and where teams and wagons are always constantly in motion. The animal is a very fine specimen of its kind and Jesse is quite proud of it. It was exhibited on the street yesterday and excited much comment and admiration.

A Pleasant Affair.

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