

# JOHN JONES AND JOHN EGAN RECEIVE HEAVY FINES IN COUNTY COURT

Judge Beeson Imposes Fine of \$110.00 Upon Each of Them For Their Part in Last Saturday's Disturbance.

Judge Beeson this morning finished the hearing of the cases of the State vs. John Jones and the State vs. John Egan and at its conclusion found both of the defendants guilty as charged and assessed their fines as follows:

John Jones \$10 on the first count, \$50 on the second count and \$50 on the third count, or a total of \$110.

John Egan \$10 on the first count, \$50 on the second count, and \$50 on the third count, or a total of \$110.

The first count in the complaint charged drunkenness, the second charge was for assault upon Chief Rainey of the local police force and the chief received some rough handling and abusing an officer in the discharge of his duty.

The trouble which occasioned the heavy fines imposed took place on last Saturday night in an uptown saloon when Chief Rainey went into the bar to quell some loud words and profanity and vulgarity which was going on. At the time a fight ensued in which the two men fined today were alleged to have taken a prominent part along with Harry Poissall and another young man who is alleged to have tried to restrain or hold the officer when he tried to put Poissall, Jones and Egan under arrest. The fight was a bad one and the chief received some rough handling including being hit over the head by a beer bottle and otherwise maltreated.

The trial started yesterday afternoon with C. H. Taylor and B. S. Ramsey appearing for the state and A. L. Tidd defending the men. It was a long drawn out and hard fought trial, the entire afternoon being taken up in hearing the testimony which was decidedly indefinite and vague. It seemed hard to secure statements from the numerous witnesses on the stand as to just what either of the defendants did in the matter, the witnesses apparently seeing more of what Poissall who was not on trial did than of either of the other defendants. The taking of the testimony was concluded yesterday evening and the argument was set for this morning.

C. H. Taylor argued the case for the state and made a clear presentation of what he considered the evidence and the law while A. L. Tidd made an exhaustive legal argument in favor of the prisoner's and ques-

tioned the necessity for the chief's invading the saloon and the conditions surrounding the riot. At its conclusion Judge Beeson took up the question of punishment and assessed the fines as above stated.

The total of the fines foot up heavily and there is also a large bill of costs accumulated which the prisoners will have to pay or lay out in jail. They did not have funds on hand with which to pay their several fines and the costs and in consequence were remanded to jail where they will have to remain until some arrangements are made to let them out. Owing to the amount of the costs, the total term which the two men will have to serve will run pretty close to ninety days in jail.

The effect of the stiff sentence imposed is believed to be salutary and it is the general opinion that these fines will serve to discourage lawlessness and lack of respect for the police power of the city. Chief Rainey when on the stand yesterday made an excellent witness and was very clear and distinct in his recollection of all the events which took place. Egan was practically convicted upon his testimony as he swore positively to having seen Egan when he hit him with a bottle while Egan could not swear to much of what happened and admitted that he was pretty drunk at the time. The fact that both of the defendants plead guilty to being drunk as charged in the first count of the complaint also served to weaken their testimony before the court. It is not believed that an appeal will be taken in the matter although it is understood the counsel for the defendants complained that his clients did not have a fair trial.

In connection with this trial it has been said that a conspiracy existed in the city to "do up" the chief of police and this made him all the more watchful for his life. Chief Rainey during the time he has been on the force for the past several months has made an exceptionally good officer and has earned many high words of praise from the citizens generally for his valorous and courageous conduct. That he is entitled to the protection which the law throws about its guardians seems to be the consensus of opinion and it is believed no more trouble will take place during the time he remains at the head of the force.

## ELMWOOD.

(Leader-Echo).

Dan Fentiman is under the doctor's care, having been ill for some time.

Mrs. Murfin who has been at the Elmwood hospital for the past four of five weeks, we are informed, is getting better and can now sit up.

Misses Lucile and Willa Minford returned Tuesday from a two weeks trip in the mountains. They visited Denver, Colorado Springs, and many other points of interest.

We are pleased to announce the improvement in the health of Mrs. George Colbert, who was so seriously ill for some time back. Mrs. Colbert now takes her meals with the family.

Joseph Mullin and daughter Edith and Miss Margaret Roberts, started Wednesday noon for Brookdale, Col., where they will camp out for a month or more and enjoy fishing for mountain trout.

Mrs. J. Fleischmann was taken seriously ill Monday and for a time grave hopes were entertained for her recovery. A change for the better took place Tuesday and at this writing she is doing nicely.

Word was circulated upon our streets yesterday of the death of Grandma Bothwell. Particulars were not available, but an obituary write up of this estimable old lady we hope to have for our next week's issue. Funeral services will be held from the Oliver Bothwell home tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10 o'clock.

John H. Hart, who has been an inmate for a short time of the Battle Mountain Sanitarium, Hot Springs, S. D., arrived Monday and is a guest of his son Charles, at the Elmwood House. In appearance Mr. Hart is very feeble, but he says he is able to eat three square meals a day. The Battle Mountain Sanitarium is a resort for debilitated old soldiers, and is one of the most exquisitely furnished institutions maintained by the government.

Mayor John P. Sattler was a passenger this morning for Omaha and Mrs. Sattler and daughter, Mrs. Jesse Wurga, were passengers on the afternoon train for Omaha where they will join Mr. Sattler and where they will spend the afternoon with a large party of good friends from Peoria and Pekin, Ill.

## Pleasant Surprise Party.

A very pleasant surprise party was given last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Petersen, the guest of honor being their daughter Miss Anna, who was taken quite by surprise but who soon recovered and proceeded to make the guests feel at home. The evening was most pleasantly spent with games of various sorts and in other highly enjoyable ways. At the conclusion of the games, a splendid luncheon was served to which the many guests did ample justice. This luncheon had been prepared to suit the appetites of the young folks and it was voted a mighty fine one by all. It was late when the party broke up and the departing guests took occasion to express their thanks to their hostess for the charming evening's entertainment they had been given.

Those attending included: Misses Cella Taylor, Minnie Fry, Minnie McKay, Stella Gooding, Delia White, Eva Ward, Buelah Parker, Hannah Berggren, Leta Lair, May Peterson, Messrs. Harry White, P. Rihn, Floyd Stone, Henry Perry, Ratio Taylor, Everett Ward, S. E. Mayabb, Bentle Stone, Jesse P. Perry, Orphie Stone, Claude Mayabb, George Morrison, Frank Cook, Everett Gooding, Edgar Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Peterson and Mrs. Lydia Funk.

## Getting Along Satisfactorily.

Dr. B. F. Brendel of Murray drove up from his home this morning in his automobile to see Oliver Dinwiddie, his patient, ill at the Perkins hotel of remittent fever. He found him getting along satisfactorily. Col. J. B. Seyboldt, Murray's popular and well known citizen, accompanied him on the trip. Col. Seyboldt had some business matters to look after in the city and had intended to drive his own machine up when Dr. Brendel came along and asked him to accompany him which he did. The gentlemen returned to Murray this morning.

A. C. Wardell of Boise, Ida., who has been in the city looking after real estate business, was a passenger this afternoon for Omaha from which point he will go to Ashland and Lincoln and return to this city the latter part of the week.

## Wouldn't Sign.

A special from Weeping Water, under date of July 22, says: "The local management of the Plattsmouth Telephone company, under the instructions of the company, circulated a petition here among the patrons asking the judge who granted the injunction restraining the officers from selling to the Bell company, to remove the injunction and permit the sale. Not a single patron of the company here would sign the petition."

Manager Bert Pollock when shown the above dispatch from Weeping Water stated that the statement in it was true. He explains that when the petition was sent to their manager at that place instructions were given him to interview the company's patrons and explain to them in detail the object of the petition. He was supposed to have done this but for some reason unknown to the promoters of the petition most of the company's patrons declined to sign it and the manager telephoned the office here that he could not get the signers. He was then advised not to make much of an effort to obtain them but to return the petition unsigned to the local office as it was not the desire of the officials to insist upon the signatures if the patrons did not want the increased service. Mr. Pollock stated that a curious fact about the transfer of the stock was that an offer was made to the different stockholders of the company individually, as he understood it, and that the ones who did not want to sell were almost uniformly confined to Weeping Water and that most of them were still holding their stock, although they had the same offer made them that the Plattsmouth stockholders and the holders at the other local exchanges had. Outside of Weeping Water, Mr. Pollock states, the patrons at the other county exchanges were satisfied and sold their stock for par, just as the prospective purchasers wanted. He did not regard the statement of the Weeping Water dispatch as at all important and did not consider it as affecting the deal in the least.

## Old Resident in Town.

Newton Russell of Pacific Junction and John Q. Lawhead of Edgemont, S. D., are in the city today making a visit coming over from the Junction this morning. Mr. Lawhead arrived in the Junction yesterday for a visit with Mr. Russell and with friends in this city where he formerly worked. He was employed in the Burlington shops here several years since and has quite a number of friends who will be glad to see him back here even for a short visit. He reports that matters around Edgemont are quiet and that this has been a very dry year in that locality. Of course, the country about Edgemont is not much of an agricultural country and it does not depend upon the rains and crops for existence. However it is a range country and rains are needed to keep the range in good condition. Mr. Lawhead expects to visit several days in this locality with friends including William Mendenhall and a number of others.

## Takes Vacation.

Miss Helen Chapman departed this afternoon for an extended trip to the Pacific coast. She expects to be gone for some three months and during that time she will visit California with all its points of interest, Oregon including the city of Portland, and Washington with Seattle, Tacoma and the many varied attractions in the way of scenery along that country. Miss Chapman has been one of the most faithful of the Burlington's employees during the past years she has worked for the company and has earned a long vacation which she is now taking. She undoubtedly will have a pleasant time and will find much of interest to occupy herself with during her stay on the coast. A large number of her girl friends were at the depot to see her leave.

## Will Hold Carnival.

A special from Louisville under date of July 22, says: "A committee of local merchants met this week and decided that Louisville would hold a three days' carnival beginning August 18 and leasing until August 20."

George Edmisten from near Union is spending today in the city looking after business. Mr. Edmisten came up this morning with Matt McQuinn and they intended to drive back this afternoon even if it had the good luck to rain and rain hard.

George Lindsay and wife, John Hopkins of Des Moines, Ia., and L. Draper of Ord, Neb., were a party who journeyed to Omaha this morning for the day. Mr. Hopkins is a brother of Mrs. Lindsay and has been spending several days in the city making her a visit. Mr. Draper is a friend of the family from Ord who was down to Omaha with some cattle and who took advantage of his proximity to run down for a short visit with them.

## The Nebraska City Races.

Nebraska City, Neb., July 27.—The attendance at the races was not as heavy today as yesterday, it being the closing day of the four day race meet. In the 2:20 trotting race there were twenty entries with ten to start and it was a warmly contested race. Prince Waverly, a chestnut gelding owned by Prince & Cato of Frederick, won in three straight heats while Check Heart, a bay stallion owned by Henry Thomas of Columbus, was a close second. In the first heat the time was exceptionally fast. The warmest and fastest race of the afternoon was the 2:18 trot. There were twelve entries and six starters and the first heat was won by Belle Tolus, a bay mare owned by Henry Thomas of Columbus, Neb. But the mare failed to show well after that and Homer F., a black stallion owned by A. E. Noe of Concordia, Kas., and driven by the owner, took the next three heats, winning the race with L. S. Crum, a chestnut gelding, owned by H. W. Brown of Parsons, Kas., a close second.

In the running race there were five starters. It was a three-quarter mile dash. Vancenna took the lead until on the home stretch, where she lost it and Lady Breardur won in 1:45. It was for a purse of \$100.

## A Narrow Escape.

The Missouri Pacific yesterday afternoon had a narrow escape from losing their bridge over the Platte river at Louisville by fire. A train crossing the bridge is believed to have been responsible for the blaze. The theory is that live coals dropping from the engine ignited the ties and stringers. The fire was discovered by William Diers, a prominent business man of Louisville and Ernest Pautsch, a well known farmer living near that place. The gentlemen had been fishing at the sand pits in Sarpy county and were on their way back to Louisville when they found that several ties and stringers were on fire and that the entire structure was threatened with destruction. The gentlemen reported the fire at once and it was put out. Traffic was not interfered with as the section crew repaired the bridge so that trains could cross in a short time. A good deal of difficulty was experienced in getting water to put out the fire owing to the low stage of the river.

## Ball Team Goes to Union.

The Plattsmouth Base Ball team today made a trip to Union where they will play the Union team this afternoon. The team is a patched up one and a number of the strongest players were not with it. The game will probably prove an exciting one and likely a close one as Plattsmouth has not used all its good players for the contest and the Union team is one of the best in the county outside of this city. The boys were guaranteed their expenses by the Union team to go down there to keep in shape for other games more than anything else. A number of enthusiastic fan friends accompanied them and will root for the locals. Union is a good base ball town and extra good for its size and doubtless there will be quite a crowd in attendance. There is ground for suspicion that Charles L. Graves may be injected into the game as he can't get away from his enthusiasm over the game and would likely feel the bit a little when the contest opens up. The locals are assured of good treatment in Union today and are always glad of an invitation to play ball in that city.

## To Represent Oteo and Cass.

The Guaranty Fund Life Assurance association of Omaha has concluded arrangements with James H. Donnelly to represent it in Cass and Oteo counties and will assume the position at once. Mr. Donnelly formerly was connected with the association in this county and has done a great deal of business for it. This is one life company which has given satisfaction during quite a period of time and which has many good patrons throughout this county who can lend their endorsement to it. Mr. Donnelly is a thoroughly capable man and doubtless will renew the past success which he had made with the company, a success which resulted in it being quite anxious to have him once more with it.

Matt McQuinn, one of Union's best citizens and a well known and popular Democrat, is spending the day in the city looking after business matters, having driven up this morning from his home. He paid the Journal one of his usual pleasant visits and spent some little time in social conversation with his friends here. Matt is one of the men whom the Journal force is always pleased to see and it hopes he can come again and soon.

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## TELLS OF RAIL-ROAD EXPERIENCE

"Posey" Messersmith Tells Some Very Interesting Stories

W. D., better known as "Posey" Messersmith created some sensation this morning by calling lustily for the police or the sheriff as he thought he was being held up by robbers, Julius Nelson who was on his way home from work, saw Posey and his horse and buggy and at once climbed in for a ride. His motives were looked on by Posey with suspicion and he raised the call for help. Ye Journal reporter aided by Jack Denson identified Nelson whom Posey had worked with 'steven years ago and smoothed out the trouble. Posey was in a reminiscent mood this morning talking with the crowd, told of how many years ago he was switching in the local yards with Jimmy Pine as yardmaster. One bitter winter day when the wind was howling over the prairies and snow was coming down in blinding clouds, the main line between this city and Lincoln became blocked and the company ordered the snow plow out. Pine called Posey before him and told him he would send him to Lincoln with the plow. At once Posey developed the most severe case of sickness he had ever had or has ever had since. He was almost unable to move and his condition was critical indeed. Jimmy relented and called in—another man whom he offered the honor to. The same disease which was threatening to wreck Posey's physical works attacked the other man and he was compelled (?) to decline the honor much as he regretted it. Pine was at a loss for someone to send out for there had to be a man with the plow when finally he saw Jack Denson coming down the tracks. Jack in those days had not had so much experience as the other fellows and was not aware of the grief involved in riding a snow plow through blizzard and when the honor was conferred upon him by Pine with all due dignity, he swelled up and promptly accepted. The run to Lincoln was a wild and fierce one. From here to Ashland everything went very smooth but from Ashland on out

through the open country it was simply awful.

Jack described that trip as the worst he ever experienced. The snow plow was to run one station ahead of train No. 3 and when they hit Ashland they ran clear through the town before they knew where they were. They would run along without any trouble for a ways when they would hit a cut and instantly they would be buried in a wall of snow. So fierce was the storm that after they had cleared the yards at Greenwood, train No. 3 only a few miles behind they stalled in the cut near that town. It was strange but after that Jack had the same illness come on which Posey had whenever snow plow was mentioned.

Posey states that he will have the greatest crops this year he ever had. He has corn which is liggerduetaof He has corn which is higher than a man's head. This is on the lowlands where the best corn is being raised this year and it promises a great yield. He believes that he will make a record crop of this cereal this year with any kind of luck at all. He also has a large crop of cow beans, or forage beans which he will use for feed this winter for his animals. Some of them have grown so rank, however, that they are not available for this purpose and he intends to saw them off and trim them up and use them for fence posts. All of which is some beans. And it beats the band how Posey's imagination has grown, too.

Secretary-Treasurer Hood of the Lincoln Independent Telephone company, representing Frank H. Woods, who is fighting the merger between the Bell interests and the Independent phone in this city, came down this morning from Lincoln to look after some business for his company. He paid the Journal a pleasant call and stated some matters concerning the war between the two companies which would make interesting reading. He returned to his home this afternoon at 3:30.

John Fight, wife and daughter, Miss Hattie, were passengers on the morning train for Omaha where they will witness the final windup of the sangerfest and enjoy the picnic to be given there by the singing societies today.