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ATTACHMENT PROCEEDING IN JUDGE ARCHER'S COURT

From Saturday's Daily.

Attachment proceedings were commenced in Judge Archer's court yesterday in two suits against William Volk, a prosperous young farmer residing west of Plattsmouth. The plaintiff in one of the suits is Wm. Holly, who brings his action for about \$55.00, alleged to be for goods sold to Farmer Volk at his special instance and request, but which up to the time of filing the attachment he had inadvertently neglected to pay for the same. The plaintiff in the other suit is A. Geise, proprietor of the liquid refreshment parlor at the corner of Fifth and Main streets, who claims that he has furnished refreshments in the form of goods, wares and merchandise to Mr. Volk to about the sum of \$35.00, and in this case, as in Mr. Holly's case, the defendant has never thought to leave the money. Papers were placed in the hands of Constable J. R. Denson, and yesterday afternoon an attachment was levied on a team of horses belonging to the defendant and taken into the custody of the officer.

Defendant Volk is not in Cass county and his whereabouts at present is not disclosed to the interested unless Mr. Volk appears the team may be sold to satisfy the claims sued on. A hearing is set for the 3rd of January.

BASKET BALL AND FINE DANCE AFTER THE GAME

The basket ball game last evening at Coates' hall between the Plattsmouth high school and the German Turners drew a large and enthusiastic crowd to witness the event. Both teams put up a good game and general satisfaction was shown with the decisions of both the referee and umpire. In the first half the Turners took a good lead on the high school and the half finished with the score standing 19 to 9, in favor of the Turners. In the second half the high school showed a great improvement, playing a good fast game. The final score stood 31 to 12 in favor of the Turners. After the game a most delightful social dance was held and a large crowd of young folks enjoyed themselves. The music was furnished by the always pleasing M. W. A. orchestra, which is alone a guarantee that the music was all that could be asked. Both teams will probably have games here later with out of town teams and should be well patronized.

Officials of the game were: Referee, Richey; umpire, White; time-keeper, Arries; scorers, Fricke and Hassler.

Returns Home From Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nemetz returned home from Blair this morning, where they have been visiting for the past few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Foral, Mr. Nemetz' early partner in business in this city. They report a most enjoyable time with their old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Foral have a host of friends in and near Plattsmouth who will be very much pleased to learn that they are enjoying good health and prosperity in the fullest sense of the term.

Miss Geraldine Rosa, who has been visiting her mother at the Mason Home during the holidays, was a passenger to Omaha on the afternoon train today.

TELEPHONE COMPANY INCREASED TOLL RATE

The State Journal says that the state railway commission has denied the application of the Plattsmouth Telephone company for leave to increase its toll rates in Cass county to a level with the Bell company. The Plattsmouth company has been purchased by the Bell company, but the injunction suit of the state to prevent consolidation is still pending in the supreme court. The increase asked for by the Plattsmouth company is from a flat rate of 15 cents to on equality with Bell company toll rates, which would amount to an increase of from 5 to 10 cents. The commission held a hearing in November and finds that the evidence presented by the Plattsmouth company is not satisfactory, but on the contrary the commission finds that the company is paying dividends of from 10 to 12 per cent, and is laying by a surplus for betterments.

Dies In Illinois.

Mrs. William McCauley received a message yesterday informing her of the death of her brother, Charles Latham, which occurred at his home near Blandinsville, Illinois, early yesterday morning, from pneumonia. Mrs. McCauley was quite unprepared for the news as she had not been informed of his sickness, which had been of but a few days' duration. The deceased was well known to many in this city, having at one time been an employe of the Burlington in the local shops. He died on the old homestead, which he and his brother owned together. Mr. Latham was a single man, his wife having died about one year ago, and leaves surviving, his sister, Mrs. McCauley of this city, Mrs. Joel Messersmith, and Mr. L. P. Latham, of Havelock.

Mrs. McCauley departed for Blandinsville on No. 2 last evening to attend her brother's funeral.

LEE ALLISON RELEASED FROM INEBRIATE ASYLUM

The Lincoln Journal in speaking of the release of Lee Allison from the diplomatic ward in the state asylum, says: "Judge Cornish of the criminal division of the district court yesterday ordered Leroy Allison released from the state hospital for the insane on the ground that the man had not been regularly committed. Allison is an elderly farmer living in Cass county, near Plattsmouth. He was sent to the hospital as a diplomaniac, December 20. A few days ago his attorney instituted habeas corpus proceedings to have him released on the plea that no sentence had been passed on him by the Cass county commission and Allison had not been allowed to present testimony in his own behalf."

Lee came down from Lincoln last evening, and from here went to his home, near Murray.

From Pierce County.

Ray Chrismiss and wife, from near Osmond, Nebraska, are in the city this week visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Chrismiss. Mr. and Mrs. Chrismiss have lived in Pierce county for the past two or three years and have been in every way prosperous. They have hosts of friends in old Cass county who are always pleased to see them.

The Wrong House

A New Year's Story

By T. C. Harbaugh

Written for This Paper



HE well-to-do home of the Morleys was in a quiet street, and, as they were quiet people, they could not have been better suited. The house itself was not unlike its neighbors, and but for the number over the door, which was 333, one not acquainted with the street might have taken some other house for it if he were hunting the Morleys. One winter day a tiny hand drew the heavy curtains aside and a face appeared at one of the front panes. Everybody knew Hester Morley, a prim little woman of pleasant ways, the busy president of a charitable circle, and withal a person to be admired. She looked at the snow which lay in the street and over the pavement, and for a moment watched one of her neighbors who swept the white covering into the gutter.

A boy who knew Hester's face hurried past and glanced at the window to receive a nod from her and to throw back as he passed "A happy New Year, Miss Hester."

The girl—she was scarcely a young woman yet—smiled at the boy and watched him out of sight.

In another moment the bell rang and she turned as the maid was heard to enter the hall.

"A stranger, ma'am," said the maid, looking into the parlor. "I am sure I don't quite like his looks, and—"

"What does he want, Ida?"

"I can't tell. He insists on seeing the lady of the house and I've said she wasn't in; but it does no good."

"Let him come in, then."

Hester walked over to an arm-chair and seating herself waited for her New Year's visitor. She was not kept waiting long, for Ida had admitted the caller, and she heard his step in the hallway.

She looked him over from head to foot as he entered the parlor, a tall, somewhat uncouth man in the thirties, with strange, shuffling ways, and, to her, out of place in the cozy room.

"Miss Wemyss, I believe?" he said, bowing to Hester.

"This is not the Wemyss residence, but—"

The man looked confused.

"It used to be, did it not?" he queried.

"Yes, sir. Father purchased it from Jacob Weyms, the sugar merchant, three years ago, and changed it considerably."

"And the family?"

"I think they left the city soon afterward. The old gentleman died, he was a widower at the time, you may remember, and Miss Wemyss married—"

"Married? That's not very queer. Women do that, I know. Married, you say? I can't quite grasp it."

Hester looked pityingly at the man. He seemed to have received a blow.

"I haven't seen her for five years," said he. "I went away on New Year's day, and I came back on the same anniversary. So you're Miss Morley?"

Hester bowed again and studied the face before her. It was strong and handsome, despite the uncouthness of it.

"I don't look like city people yet. It's because of my life in the mines," he said with a smile. "It's not just the life that tends to keep one up-to-date, you see. My name is Sydney. You may have heard the Wemysses mention me."

"Bogging your pardon, I did not know them personally. You say you have been living in the mines? I once had a friend who went west, took to mining, too, I believe. But never mind, Mr. Sydney, I trust you will find your friend, the once Miss Wemyss, and permit me to wish you a happy New Year."

"After this, miss?" smiled the man. "After coming back to the city after five years' absence and on New Year's day, too, getting into the wrong house and introducing myself to a strange young lady? It seems like a dream."

Hester was about to reply when the door bell rang sharply and Ida's voice was heard in the hall.

In another moment the servant was at the parlor door, her pretty face quite white and her voice in gasps.

"The police, Miss Hester!" cried the girl, and vanished.

The stranger started from the chair he had taken near the fire and threw a look of horror toward the door.

"I'm sorry, miss," he said. "This is my New Year's day for you. They may be looking for me," and then he fastened his eyes upon the door which opened to admit an officer.

"I beg pardon, Miss Morley," said the policeman, glancing first at Hester. "It's a queer New Year's call, but it's duty, you see. I am under the necessity of taking charge of your caller the gentleman yonder."

The returned miner seemed to increase half an inch in stature as he

glared at the policeman, his equal in physical strength, and for a moment Hester heard the beating of her heart.

"Who's the warrant for, officer?" he asked.

"Hiram Rowan."

"But, Mr. Gentry, the gentleman's name is Sydney," put in Hester. "He has just assured me of that."

"You ladies will ever believe man," was the policeman's answer.

The miner stood rigid in the middle of the room. He had none of the criminal about him, and in a little while he had enlisted Hester Morley's sympathy.

"You couldn't wait till he explains, Mr. Gentry?" she said, addressing the officer.

"Why, no, Miss Hester. You see, he's but a common—"

The man took a hasty step toward the policeman and his hand shut, but he checked himself.

"You represent the law, however often it blunders," he said, stepping back.

Hester stood like a statue of marble in the luxuriantly appointed parlor. Her face was very white, and as the miner spoke their eyes met.

Guilty? No.

She turned to the officer.

"Is the charge upon which you have arrested this gentleman a serious one?" she asked.

"Quite so, miss."

"Is it a crime that is ballable under the laws?"

"Oh, yes."

"Then send for Hester Morley when he needs bail. I am worth enough in my own right, I suppose."

"My stars, yes," cried the policeman. "They'd take you for \$50,000."

Hester smiled.

Without the wind was shaking the leafless trees along the gutter, and into the room came the sound of bells



"Who's the Warrant For, Officer?"

In the nearest steeple. The clang of the heavy front door aroused Hester Morley and she started forward.

"He didn't look like it, Miss Hester!" exclaimed Ida, whom she encountered in the corridor. "But, then, you can't always tell by one's looks. And today, too. Why, it's New Year's, and—"

"There, Ida," broke in Hester. "It's a terrible mistake. I feel it. He got into the wrong house; he was looking for Miss Wemyss that used to be."

"My old mistress?"

"Yes, I believe you told me once that you lived for a year with the family."

"Didn't I? She sent a young man off one time in a pet! I'll never forget it. It was New Year's night. She had a temper, Miss Wemyss had, but she was beautiful. I remember seeing him in this very hall under the chandelier and he told her that when he came back rich—as rich as she was—why, she'd be glad to see him."

Hester's breath seemed to go in gasps.

"You don't remember his name, Ida?" she cried.

"It was Jeffry Sydney—I'll never forget the name."

Down over the great city came the flakes of airy white. Everywhere tingled bells and resonant laughter was on every breeze. It was an auspicious opening of the New Year.

"That is Jeffry Sydney," said Ida, with positiveness, as she looked at the prisoner at the police court bar.

There were a few questions, a story of life in the western mines and the round gentleman in the high-backed chair said:

"Discharged! I congratulate you, Mr. Sydney, and wish you happy New Year."

A little color came to Hester Morley's cheeks and she left the room with Ida.

"The wrong house proved his salvation, after all, Miss Hester," said the maid.

There was no answer, but the little lady who heard pressed her cheek near the carriage window and looked half dreamily into the street.

Perhaps she heard the bells, perhaps she heard the word "discharged," as it had just fallen from the lips of the police judge; at any rate at least she smiled.

It was a happy New Year's day for two persons. Jeffry Sydney saw one form vanish from his memory and another took its place, and Hester Morley just a year later heard bells that chimed many a glad wish on her wedding day.

DIFFER AS TO OUTLOOK

Leading Bankers and Business Men Take Dip Into Future.

PREDICTIONS FOR YEAR VARY.

Stickney Says Abundant Harvests, Returning Extravagance and Increased Production—Ingalls Says Saving Habit Will Again Be Current.

New York, Jan. 2.—What does the year 1911 hold in the way of business and development in the United States? This question has been asked of leading bankers, railroad men and business men whose opinions carry weight and are entitled to consideration. While some of them are inclined to take a rosy view of the outlook, the weight of opinion is that there is not likely to be a business boom during the year just beginning. Here are some of the opinions:

A. B. Stickney, former president of the Great Western railroad: "In a few months congress will take a long vacation, the soil will continue to produce abundant harvests, imagination and prophecy will regain their positions, returning extravagance will sustain increased production and 'boom' will go the market."

Banker Forgan's View.

David R. Forgan, president City Bank of Chicago: "The most helpful features in the present banking situation is that we have successfully weathered the crop-moving period, and the resulting easier tone will sooner or later lead to renewed activity both in the investment market and general business."

W. R. Ingalls, editor Engineering and Mining News: "The factor of chief encouragement in the financial outlook, it seems to me, may be generalized, as the tendency among people once more to accumulate savings, or perhaps, I should say, the recognition of the economic necessity of so doing. This means the reduction of extravagances and the introduction of increased economies in production."

C. H. Huttig, president Third National bank, St. Louis: "I do not look for a business revival during 1911. I believe trade will be stationary."

Graham G. Lacy, banker, St. Joseph, Mo.: "I believe there will be a gradual revival of business in 1911."

Roswell Miller, chairman of the Milwaukee road: "In my opinion the gross and net earnings of the railways during the year 1911 will show a decrease from last year."

NATION'S DEFICIT TAKES DROP

New Year Finds Finances of Treasury Far Improved.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The new year finds the finances of the United States treasury far improved over the condition in which the business of 1910 was begun. When 1901 began the treasury spent some \$25,000,000 more than it had taken in. That sum took no more account of the extraordinary expenses for the Panama canal.

The beginning of 1911 finds that deficit reduced to \$5,000,000 and the total deficit, including Panama expenditures, reduced to almost \$26,000,000 on all accounts, practically the amount it was a year ago.

The year closes with about \$86,000,000 in the general fund and a working balance of \$34,000,000 in the treasury offices. This is considered by treasury officials a remarkable showing in spite of more than \$130,000,000 having been advanced out of ordinary funds for the canal construction. The showing seems to sustain Secretary MacVeagh's declaration that the treasury would be able to keep an even keel until congress passed legislation to allow an issue of securities upon the plans he had laid down.

Would Issue Bonds.

Such a plan as Mr. MacVeagh and Senator Aldrich has so far worked out contemplates the issue of \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000 of Panama bonds, not to be available for national bank circulation and at a rate of interest high enough to make them attractive to investors. Such a plan promises to develop into legislation when congress settles down to work.

Not only do the working balance and the general fund show their strength after the six months' strain, but the ordinary deficit for the fiscal year has been actually reduced. The close of the first month of the fiscal year found the cash drawer out some \$9,000,000 on ordinary accounts. The first half of the year closes with that reduced to \$6,000,000, although it has been as high as \$14,000,000 within that time. Close check on expenditures with added receipts in some quarters, which, however, have probably been offset by decreases in others, have gradually worn it down.

The working balance is now \$4,000,000 better than the close of the first month's business found it and when it is considered that several times since the fiscal year began the ready cash has sunk as low as \$26,000,000 and the general fund as low as \$84,000,000, the present condition gives satisfaction to those treasury officials who have been predicting that the government's finances would right themselves in the face of an abnormal drain.

JOHN R. WALSH.
Convict Banker Is
Said to Be Dying In
Leavenworth Prison.



SEES TAFT ON WALSH PARDON

President Tells Indiana Congressman He Will Soon Pass on Matter.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Representative Cullop of Indiana called at the White House to ask President Taft if it would be possible to expedite consideration of the application for the pardon of John R. Walsh. Cullop represents the district in which the Walsh quarries and other industries are located.

The president told the congressman that the petitions in the Walsh case were being briefed for his consideration and that he expected to pass on the matter within a short time.

At the department of justice it was stated that the Walsh case had not been taken up yet on account of other pardon cases which precede it. It was said that it would be several weeks before the appeal reaches the president with the attorney general's recommendation.

SAYS RATE INCREASES ARE NOT JUSTIFIED

Attorney for Interstate Commerce Commission Files Brief.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The railroads in official classification territory are scarcely justified in their demands for increased freight rates, in the opinion of Frank Lyon, attorney for the interstate commerce commission. This, he indicated in a brief filed with the commission in the case now under investigation. It relates to the proposed advances in class freight rates in eastern territory.

Mr. Lyon discusses the subject from a statistical viewpoint. He presents tables showing the cost of materials last year and in several of the years within the decade. According to these, prices of approximately one-third of the materials have advanced, while the remainder have either decreased or remained stationary.

In a discussion of stocks and bonds Mr. Lyon says the rate of interest on railroad bonds has risen from about 3 to 12 per cent as compared with over 16 per cent on funds loaned in Massachusetts and in the District of Columbia. He points out that in four instances the rate of return on railroad bonds has actually decreased since 1904. It is suggested also that the values of the stocks in 1910 of many of the eastern carriers show an increase over the values of the same stocks in 1901 "and almost universally an advance over the values of June 30, 1904."

CONDENSED NEWS

Resumption of negotiations for a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada will begin next Saturday.

Surrounded by his intimate relatives John Alden Dix took the constitutional oath of office as governor of New York at his Albany home.

John N. Vandervries, province chief of Lawrence, Kan., was elected worthy grand chief with other officers of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Defending the action of the subcommittee of the senate, which investigated the bribery charge against Senator William Lorimer of Illinois, Senator Johnson of Alabama issued a statement.

Following the discovery of an alleged shortage of nearly \$60,000 in the funds of the Westfield Savings bank of Westfield, Mass., the treasurer of the institution, Velenus W. Crowson, was arrested and arraigned in court.

Seated on a sofa in the parlor of her home in Cumberland, Md., the dead bodies of Miss E. H. Elosser, twenty-three years old, and Charles Twigg, thirty-five years old, were found by the mother of the girl. Both apparently died from cyanide poisoning.