

BOY DIES AFTER BEING FROZEN

Parents of Tiny Child Charged With Inhuman Treatment.

BODY COVERED WITH BRUISES

Feet Had Become So Infected With Gangrene Before Physician is Called That One Dropped Off of Its Own Weight—Stepfather in Jail.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 23.—Apparently a victim to most brutally inhuman treatment at the hands of his mother and stepfather, the tiny body of three-year-old Kraut Stehr, covered with bruises that tell their own pitiful story of mistreatment at home, will follow to the grave the feet which were amputated from the baby's legs last Thursday, after they had been allowed to freeze in the Stehr home and before a physician was called that one dropped off of its own weight and the other was about to drop off when the surgeon's knife was applied.

The child died in the arms of his aunt, who tells a story that convicts both Stehr and his wife of cruelty. Mrs. Stehr failed to appear when notified that the child was dying. The stepfather is in the county jail pending an investigation.

The aunt says little Kraut was made to sleep in a kitchen shed, where there was no stove, even in twenty-seven below zero weather. Bruises covering his body are from a strap with which Stehr lashed him, she says. It was Christmas eve that neighbors noticed the child's feet were suffering. Other children danced about a Christmas tree, but he cried and then his father forced him to dance.

It must have been before that that the two feet had been frozen, as he slept in the kitchen shed, it is thought.

A neighbor heard the child calling from an outbuilding during the New Year blizzard, when the temperature was 27 below zero. "Papa, papa," the child called, but the doors were shut and no answer came.

After taking him to the hospital to be operated on at the command of the county authorities, the mother and stepfather never inquired as to the child's condition. The mother came to see him after three days, remaining but a moment. He pushed her face back and said, "Go away."

Mrs. Stehr says her husband is not the child's father. She never told anybody in Germany who the father was and she won't tell in America. Stehr is quoted by his sister-in-law as having called the child a pest. He frequently clubbed the tot over the neck with a stick, the sister-in-law says. The community is wrought up.

FILES SUIT AGAINST SON

Mrs. Mary Taylor of Beatrice Brings Action in Federal Court.

Lincoln, Jan. 23.—A suit was filed in the federal court from Beatrice, in which Frank W. Matoon, guardian of Mrs. Mary Taylor, accuses her oldest son of having schemed to defraud his mother of her share of an estate left by the father and husband, which interest amounted to about \$11,000. Mrs. Taylor, according to the petition in eighty-two years of age and very feeble, Matoon had been appointed by the court as her legal guardian. Taylor is accused of having gotten his mother to sign away her rights without understanding what she was doing.

METHODIST CHURCH BURNS

Explosion of Lantern Carried by Minister's Son Sets Off Blaze.

Uitca, Neb., Jan. 23.—The explosion of a gasoline lantern in the hands of Walter Kibbin, son of the minister of the Methodist church, caused the destruction of the church by fire. Young Kibbin narrowly escaped injury when the lantern exploded, but succeeded in apparently extinguishing all traces of the blaze, which started near the altar from the burning oil.

When the young man reached the outside he noticed through the window that a serious blaze was creeping up the wall behind the altar. He summoned the fire department, but the building burned to the ground.

Four Convicted of Stealing Sheep.

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 23.—William George Nunn, William Jesse Nunn, Andrew Potter and Peter Eggar were convicted of stealing sheep from John Bratt and John Burke of this city and they were all sentenced to serve thirty days in jail, with the exception of William Jesse Nunn, who was sentenced to fifteen days in jail. These parties have been carrying on petty thieving for some time and twelve sheep were taken from a large bunch after being fed near this city.

Farmer Kills Wife and Self.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 23.—Oscar John son, a farmer living in Pierce county, killed his wife with a butcherknife and then ended his life with the same weapon. They leave a family of eight children.

Sarpy County Pioneer Dies.

Papillon, Neb., Jan. 23.—William T. Ireland, eighty-one years old, one of the first pioneers in this county, is dead. Mr. Ireland settled in Sarpy county in 1857 and lived here ever since.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

We, the undersigned, will sell at Public Auction at the old Atwood farm, four and one-half miles south-east of Plattsmouth, near the Missouri river, at the big island, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1911 the following property, to-wit:

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One spring wagon, one top buggy.

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Three sets of double harness.

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Ninth Grade Subjects.

State Superintendent Crabtree has issued an order allowing teachers of rural schools to offer ninth grade subjects to students under the following conditions: The teacher must hold a first grade certificate or must have completed the work of a twelve-year school, the school must be properly equipped and the attendance must be small enough to allow recitations in the higher subjects. This order is made to meet a condition existing in many schools where there are only eight, ten, or fifteen students. The teachers frequently hold first grade certificates and are competent to teach ninth grade subjects. If they are able to do this many farmer children will be permitted to take studies which they might have to forego altogether under the rules existing heretofore.

Notice.

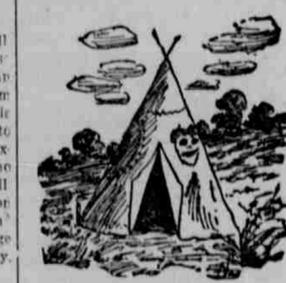
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stockholders of the Burlington & Missouri River R. R. Company in Nebraska, will be held in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at 10 a. m., February 23, 1911.

The meeting will be held for the election of nine directors of the company to serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it.

W. P. Durkee, Secretary.

Omaha, Nebraska, January 19, 1911.

County Clerk D. C. Morgan has received from Senator Banning copies of all senate files and house rolls which have been introduced in the respective houses during the present legislature, which will be for the inspection of the public at the clerk's office.



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EXTRA SESSION IS NOT LIKELY

Congress Making Good Progress on Appropriation Bills.

LEADERS ARE NOT DISTURBED

House Has Passed Many of Larger Appropriations—Democrats Will Select Members of Rules Body Friday and Map Out Tariff Legislation.

Washington, Jan. 23.—When Republican leaders in congress were asked if there is likely to be an extra session because of the congested condition of the calendars in both branches they invariably answered in the negative. They insist, in spite of the extra session gossip, that the present short session is not jammed more than was the short session two years ago, so far as appropriation bills are concerned.

Comparison proves the truth of the leaders' claim. Already the house has passed the Indian, rivers and harbors, pensions, legislative, urgent deficiency and army appropriations bills, and is nearly through with the postoffice bill. Two years ago the house had passed only the pensions, legislative, District of Columbia and naval bills in the same time. It is true the senate has passed only the urgent deficiency bill, but two years ago only the legislative bill had been passed.

Leaders Not Disturbed.

Senate leaders are not disturbed by the situation. Two years ago, thirteen big appropriation bills were passed in the last four weeks of the session, and the Republican leaders say what has been done can be done.

Some senators believe there has been no particular effort made to prevent congestion and that appropriation bills have been delayed to kill off general legislation. It would surprise no one now if members opposed to votes on the Lorimer case, the resolution providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people, the tariff commission bill, and other controversial matters, should be victorious in their effort. The ship subsidy bill is being used as a buffer and there are several treaty matters that may be brought in if needed to kill time.

Ways and Means Meeting.

Gossip among Democratic members of the house is directed toward the meeting called for next Friday night of the fourteen Democrats of the new ways and means committee. These will select the Democratic members of a new rules committee and map out a program for the preparation of tariff legislation.

It virtually is conceded that Representative Henry (Tex.), once a speaker candidate and leading minority member of the Judiciary committee, will head the new rules committee in succession to Baisell (Pa.), the retiring Republican chairman. The committee will not be enlarged, the change in the political complexion of the house leaving that committee with six Democrats and four Republicans. Instead of six Republicans and four Democrats, as at present.

Besides Chairman Henry, the Democrats whose names have been brought forward in the conferences over the rules committee personnel include: Hardwick (Ga.), Fitzgerald (N. Y.), Pou (N. C.), Littleton (N. Y.), Garrett (Tenn.), Wilson (Pa.) and Graham (Ill.).

In the selection of chairmanships of committees Chairman Underwood and his colleagues on the ways and means committee, which is vested with that function under the action of the recent caucus, will be guided by several considerations, mainly, qualification and seniority of service. Seniority, however, will be upset in many cases. Mr. Underwood is noncommittal as to the probable makeup of committees, but says no names have been decided upon.

BAR TO NEW RULE

Honorary System at Columbia Runs Against Snag.

New York, Jan. 23.—The proposition to introduce the honor system at Columbia, which was inaugurated a few days ago by the students in the senior class of the school of applied science, is threatened with failure because of the example set by John Jay, a member of the class of 1764, and later the first chief justice of the United States. The honor system depends for its success upon the willingness of the students to report cases of cheating to the faculty and students opposed to it have recalled an incident in Jay's student career. John Jay of the class of 1764 refused to bear information against a classmate, though ordered to do so by the president of the college, when a number of students had been skylarking, and suffered suspension from college in his senior year because of such refusal.

The students have adopted resolutions that they follow the example of John Jay.

Whites Barred From Pictures.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 23.—Mayor Skain granted permission to a local colored theater to put on the Johnson-Jeffries fight pictures. The permit was granted with the understanding that no white persons be allowed to see them.

OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD.

Who Will Direct Work Of Tariff Revision In The Next Congress.



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GIRLS USE GASOLINE; ONE DEAD, TWO BURNED

Candy Party Ends With Destruction of House by Flames.

Springfield, S. D., Jan. 23.—As the result of a mistake in using gasoline instead of kerosene in attempting to replenish a fire in a kitchen stove, Zera Brown, eight years old, lies dead at her home in this city. Della Dawes, fourteen years old, and Charlotte Dawes, eight years old, are also seriously burned and not expected to live more than a few hours. Hilda Crosby, nine years old, was badly burned, but it is expected that she will recover. The home of the two girls, belonging to George Dawes, valued at \$10,000, was almost completely gutted.

The accident happened while the four girls were in the kitchen of the Dawes home making candy. Fred Dawes, brother of the two girls, ran through the flames and carried out the four girls in the kitchen and later brought out Mrs. Tilton, an aged woman, from an apartment on the second floor.

JOSEPHINE FAILS OF RECORD

Famous Missouri Cow's Production of Milk Falls Off in Last Month.

Columbia, Mo., Jan. 23.—Missouri Chief Josephine, the famous cow owned by the college of agriculture of the state of Missouri, has failed to break the record for the year.

The official test ended last week, and while the exact figures cannot be obtained yet, it is certain that Josephine will fall below the world's high mark, held by Colanthus Fourth Johanna of Rosendale, Wis.

At the close of the eleventh month Josephine was about 300 pounds of milk to the good, but that margin soon disappeared.

"Her production during the last few weeks has varied from thirty to fifty pounds," said her keeper, I. T. Van Note. "Her failure to make this last record is due to her small size and nothing else."

BARBER GIVES SENTENCE

Youth Who Confessed to Assault Gets Twenty-Five Years.

Hamburg, Ia., Jan. 23.—Harry Barger, who confessed to criminally assaulting Mrs. Baker, the wife of a farmer living south of here, was given twenty-five years by Judge Ellison at Rockport, Mo. The sentence was a stunning blow to Barger, who requires assistance to stand while the sentence was being pronounced. Barger is about twenty years of age.

Veteran St. Louis Fireman Killed.

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—While responding to a fire alarm, Charles Ofenstein, a hose truck driver in the local department, was thrown from his wagon and instantly killed. The fire damage, in a small grocery store, amounted to \$3. Ofenstein had been in the service for many years.

CONDENSED NEWS

The commission form of government was adopted by Elgin, Ill.

Three men were blown to pieces when a powder mill at Fayetteville, Ill., blew up.

It is reported that King George and Queen Mary will make a brief visit to Ireland, probably in July or August.

Charles D. Hilles, assistant secretary of the treasury, has been offered by President Taft the position of secretary to the president.

Notification was given by the American Steel and Wire company of an advance of \$1 a ton on wire and wire rod products of the company, to take effect immediately.

The cruiser Baltimore has been ordered placed in commission and within a week will leave the New York navy yard for Charleston to replace the battleship Texas as station ship. The Texas will be sent to the Norfolk navy yard and converted into a target for navy ordnance practice.

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OMAHA MEMBERS PAY VISIT HERE

Christian Endeavors From Omaha Guest of Local Society.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church held a rainy Sunday evening which was attended by 32 members of the society from the First Presbyterian church of Omaha. The members of the Omaha society arrived an hour later than was expected, which made the service later than usual, but a most interesting session was held, being almost wholly in the hands of the Omaha people, who furnished the addresses.

The music consisted of some very fine special numbers, the first being a solo by Mrs. Max Adams, the rendition of which left a marked impression on the unusually large audience. A duet by Miss Helen Chapman and Estelle Baird was much appreciated by the listeners, while a most beautiful duet was sung by Miss Wolf and Miss Littlerose, of Omaha, both of the young ladies being very talented in their line.

Some splendid addresses were given by the visitors after a short address of welcome by Miss Johnson, president of the local society. Mr. S. C. Wick was invited to speak on the topic, "What C. E. Means To Me," Mr. T. P. Wilson spoke on the "C. E. As a Training School." Miss Wiggs read a very instructive paper on "What C. E. Stands for in Society," while Miss Agnes Ward talked on "Brotherly Love," touching on the missionary question, by request. Mr. Ross was invited to give a short talk, which was very interesting, and not so short after all. Rev. Gade was then called on for a few remarks, and expressed the appreciation of the local C. E. for the visit of the Omaha society, and for the enthusiasm manifested in the good work of the C. E. society in general, and thanked the visitors for their ideas as expressed in their addresses and expressed the conviction that the Plattsmouth society had derived much benefit from the visit.

Mr. W. A. Robertson was called on for a few words, and took the floor for a short talk, in which he too expressed his appreciation for the friendly visit of the Omaha society, and recalled the time some ten years ago when he was royally entertained by the Omaha society when sent there as a delegate to a convention held in that city. Mr. Robertson also expressed the hope that in the near future the visitors might again visit Plattsmouth and assured them of a cordial welcome at any time they should do so.

George W. Dalton Dies. George W. Dalton, an old-time resident of the Missouri river bottom, near the ferry, just across the river, died last night. Mr. Dalton was quite aged and was an ex-union soldier, having served in the war of the rebellion going out with an Iowa regiment. We hope to have an obituary statement later.

DR

Herman Greeder,

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