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COURT MAKES OUT COMMITMENT FOR JOHN CLARENCE, WHO GETS TWO YEARS

Prisoner Has Been Confined in Jail for Some Weeks Awaiting the Coming of the Mandate of the Supreme Court in His Case.

From Friday's Daily.

Clerk of the Court James Robertson today made out a commitment for John Clarence, who has been in jail for some weeks awaiting the coming of the mandate of the supreme court in his case. The order and judgment of the supreme court affirming the decision of the district court of Cass county, but modifying the length of term, was entered in the supreme court some weeks ago, but the mandate only arrived last week and Judge Travis has been busy in the trial of cases, and judgment on the mandate was entered in the district court by a jury of his fellow citizens, and sentenced by Judge Travis to ten years' imprisonment. Both the verdict and the judgment of the court met with the approval of many of the citizens of the community in which the tragedy occurred.

Clarence's term will date from the time the judgment was modified by the supreme court and will be for two years instead of ten. The murdered man was one

of the prominent citizens of Liberty precinct, having been the choice of the majority of one of the leading parties for the office of county commissioner, and although not elected, his vote showed how highly he was esteemed throughout the county. His death and the manner of it was a great shock to the community as well as his immediate family, and his loss was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Clarence made a hard fight for acquittal, being defended at his first trial by Byron Clark and W. A. Robertson. His hope for this result being based on the fact that he (Clarence) is a cripple, having to use a cane when he walks, while the man whom he killed was much heavier and stronger than Clarence. At the time the fatal shots were fired Thacker was advancing on Clarence with a stick in his hand.

The evidence produced at the trial of the case was very conflicting and about evenly balanced as to the number of witnesses testifying as to the statements of parties at the time of the shooting took place. The position of some of the witnesses and their opportunity to observe the men as they came together was one of the material matters in the trial and was the ground for reversing the first verdict of guilty.

Has Hand Injured.

From Friday's Daily.

Joe Sabatka, who had the misfortune one day this week while working on the freight car repair track in the local shops to have the knuckles of his left hand badly cut, is recovering nicely. The wound was quite serious, requiring three stitches to repair it. Joe will be laid off for several days because of the unfortunate accident. He was closing a freight car door when the wound was inflicted. The door was frozen and his hand slipped off, striking a piece of sharp steel, cutting a deep gash across the knuckles.

IGNORANCE OF THE OLD, OLD FARMER

That Was Many Years Ago, but That Is Not the Case by Any Means Now.

The farmer was once caricatured as the embodiment of ignorance and credulity. He was pictured as the prey of gold brick vendors. He was thought to be totally without savior fair in personal conduct and far behind in abreast-of-the-times information. But the day when such an idea of the farmer had much application has gone and evidences that it is gone are to be found everywhere.

Here is a very recent one: "Questions asked the prospective jurors thus far have disclosed one fact," says a news dispatch of the trial of the packers at Chicago, "that farmers are closer readers of the newspapers than are persons who live in the city. As a result the lawyers have found that men from the rural districts as a rule have decided opinions on government regulation of business and in many cases are better versed in the intent and meaning of the Sherman act than many of their city neighbors."

The old notion of a farmer was always a gross exaggeration. Now it is too far away from the truth to arouse even a smile. The farmer knows fewer things than does the city man, but what he knows he knows thoroughly and not superficially. Superficial knowledge is characteristic of dwellers of the city, particularly of the large cities.

The newspaper is the one best means of conveying information, not only of current events, but of the course of developments whether the developments be commercial, civic or political.

The farmer, cut off from the many distractions of city life, not only reads his newspaper, but he studies it. He thinks on his own account. And thus his grasp of public questions equals where it does not exceed that of the average city man.

Enjoys Sleigh Ride.

From Thursday's Daily.

Mark White had the pleasure of a sleigh ride this morning, which has been a year delayed. Mark had a fine sled made "already yet" last winter and took it home with the fond anticipation of taking several rides, but never a snow came big and deep enough to hold the sled, so when the snow of night before last yesterday and last night spread over the ground to the depth of six inches, Mark began to smile. He got the well-seasoned slide out this morning and hunched on and rode into the county seat in his new sled, the first man in town from his section with a sled.

Visited Nebraska City Friends.

From Thursday's Daily.

Miss Zelma Tucey visited the families of Rev. Randall and W. S. Soper a few days last week, returning the first of this week. Miss Tucey found the former Plattsmouth residents well and happy and getting along fine. Mr. and Mrs. Soper took the party to an entertainment where the music was delightful and made wholly by ringing bells.

Dance at Murray.

The Murray Dancing club will give one of their social dances in Murray on Saturday evening, December 30. The music will be furnished by the Nebraska City orchestra. A cordial invitation is extended to all and a good time assured.

Y. M. C. A. SUBSCRIPTIONS GROW

The Committee Expects to Have One-Half Amount Raised Before Christmas Day.

From Thursday's Daily.

The committee on raising funds for the Y. M. C. A. movement are making an effort this week to raise one-half of the required \$2,000 before the Christmas holidays begin. The committee has been handicapped somewhat by many of its members being out of town, thus depriving them of the pleasure of soliciting subscriptions for tickets.

The committee needed about \$120 Thursday night to make the half of the amount needed. The tickets for the first year will be \$10 per membership. This is double the amount that it is expected will be charged after the first year. It is estimated by those in charge that the \$10 membership will procure the furniture and equipment for the rooms and pay a secretary's salary for one year. It would be useless to undertake to operate a Y. M. C. A. without a paid secretary on the job every day in the year; otherwise the concern would develop into a club, and the atmosphere would be different from the numerous clubs already existing, and as that territory is already covered sufficiently to accommodate everyone inclined to social centers, it is necessary to organize the Y. M. C. A. movement on different lines. After the holidays it is expected the committee on raising funds will double their efforts and complete the canvas in a couple of weeks. The matter should be completed by January 15 at the latest.

A Romantic Marriage.

Press dispatches from Seattle, Wash., under date of December 24, state that a romance which began at Union, Neb., twenty-five years ago, was completed there, when Harriet Pollard Barnum of Union and R. Wills of Seattle were married. In the years intervening from the time they first met the bride and groom had married and had lost their partners.

Mrs. Wills is the daughter of Isaac Pollard, a Cass county, Nebraska, pioneer, and her brother, Ernest Pollard, served two terms in congress from the Lincoln district. Both the bride and groom were former residents of Cass county, Mrs. Wills, formerly Mrs. T. P. Barnum, lost her husband in a railway wreck which occurred near Union a few years ago. The groom, R. Wills, was a resident of Union for five or six years and was a Missouri Pacific train dispatcher at that place at the time he formed the acquaintance of Miss Harriet Pollard. Mr. Wills left for the coast nearly twenty years ago.

In District Court.

From Friday's Daily.

The case set for trial this morning in the district court, entitled Amanda P. Reynolds vs. Louis F. Kohrell, owing to illness of John C. Watson, defendant's attorney, was not brought to trial. Mr. Watson was in the court room, but was not able to go on with the trial. The court then excused the panel not sitting in any case until January 22. At 10 o'clock this morning the jury in the case of Wanderholm against the Burlington railway had not reached a verdict.

Since the above was put in type the jury in the case of Wanderholm vs. C. B. & O. Railway company for \$15,000 for the death of plaintiff's husband, brought in a verdict for \$3,500 this afternoon, after being out almost twenty-four hours.

Injured at the Shops.

From Thursday's Daily.

John Carlson, a Burlington blacksmith, was quite severely injured while at his work this morning operating a steam hammer. While stooping over the back hammer struck him a blow in the face, making a gash requiring the assistance of a surgeon and several stitches to close. Mr. Carlson will lay off for the balance of the week.

Fire Alarm This Morning.

From Friday's Daily.

The fire alarm was turned in this morning on account of a blaze which originated in the tin-shop of A. Schuldee at the corner of Sixth and Pearl streets. Some patent roofing composed of inflammable substance was being warmed on the stove and was allowed to get too hot and boiled over, running down on the sides of the stove, blazed up quite high and grew so hot that the wood-work about caught fire. A few pails of water extinguished the fire before much damage was done.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 19, 1911. Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: L. D. Switzer, M. L. Friedrich and C. R. Jordan, County Commissioners; D. D. Morgan, County Clerk. Minutes of previous session read and approved, when the following business was transacted in regular form:

The following bonds were presented and approved: J. C. Niday, road overseer, Road District No. 11. L. E. Benson, constable, Plattsmouth City. H. J. Clements, county coroner. Fred Patterson, county surveyor. Mary E. Foster, county superintendent. D. C. Morgan, county clerk. C. W. Clark, constable, Liberty precinct. John Cory, constable, Plattsmouth City. E. A. Taylor, justice of the peace, Weeping Water City. John C. York, justice of the peace, Plattsmouth City. M. L. Lutz, road overseer, Road District No. 1. J. C. Lomeyer, road overseer, Road District No. 5. James Robertson, clerk of the district court.

County Judge this day appointed Gertrude Beeson as clerk of the county court for the years, 1912 and 1913, at a salary of \$1,000.00 per year, payable out of the fees of said office as provided by law. The same was received, appointed, made and bond approved.

County Clerk instructed to order one dozen Wheeler Statutes from Klopp-Bartlett Co.

County of L. J. Mayfield and others asking that J. W. Brobst be appointed justice of the peace in and for Louisville Precinct received, appointed, made and bond approved.

County Treasurer instructed to refund \$15.64 to Ossenkop Brothers of Louisville, account error in assessment of personal tax year 1911.

County Clerk instructed to take from the tax roll lot 244, Louisville Village, account title being vested in Board of Trustees, Louisville Village and non-assessable, and to also cancel the tax on 1911 tax list.

Communication received from Mrs. C. A. Adams, under date of December 9, 1911, in which she was displeased with her bill being cut for the care of a child, and requesting that she be paid in full or she would place the bill in the hands of a collector. The commissioners decided, by vote, that they would allow her an additional \$10.00 for a receipt in full for the care of McCurdy rather than have any further trouble.

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The following claims were allowed on the general fund: Hans Seivers, cleaning court room \$3.40. Lena Johnson, room for election \$2.50. B. H. Evans, son, merchandise to poor \$5.00. C. R. Jordan, salary \$36.50. A. J. Smyke, recording deed Nord to County \$1.00. W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., cert. of award County Superintendent \$16.45. The University Publishing Co. questions to County Superintendent \$12.50. Johnson, merchandise to poor \$15.85. C. D. Quinton, inebriate case Joe Davis \$14.52. E. District No. 4, return of poll tax account deaf (Refused) \$2.00. Klopp & Bartlett Co., supplies to county \$19.10. The Smith-Pringle Typewriter Co., ribbons to County Judge \$3.50. Hatt & Son, merchandise to papers \$25.00. M. L. Friedrich, salary, mileage and expense \$34.40. E. M. Richey, lumber to farm \$34.75. Edw. Ryndt & Co., books to assessors \$5.38. F. E. Schlatter, County Treasurer, extra work in office \$26.65. Nebraska State Penitentiary, care McCann and Doud \$1.00. C. D. Quinton, expense taking McCann and Doud to penitentiary \$27.16. Peters & Richards, labor and material to jail \$92.60. The Plattsmouth Journal, printing and supplies \$29.12. Mrs. C. A. Adams, balance care of pauper Dan'l. McCurdy, in full \$10.00. C. D. Quinton, laundry to jail \$48.89. J. W. Rinser, plastering and material to court house \$8.50.

The following claims were allowed on the Road fund: A. B. Hubbard, road work, Road District No. 14 \$4.25. S. W. Elgard, road work, Road District No. 14 \$2.80. J. M. Grove, road work, Road District No. 6 \$2.00. Mart Nickle, road work, Road District No. 6 \$5.00. J. C. Niday, road work, Road District No. 11 \$38.00. W. C. Boucher, road work, Road District No. 11 \$18.40. H. D. Patterson, surveyor's service, inheritance tax \$16.75. Sheldon & Sheldon, lumber for road drag \$3.55. Yates Lumber Co., lumber for Village of Louisville, proportion road fund, Road District No. 4 \$300.00. C. T. Richards, road work, Road District No. 4 \$5.35. Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 2, 1912.

D. C. MORGAN, County Clerk.

\$50.00 Reward.

I will give \$50.00 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who set fire to my barn on the morning of December 8, 1911. Fred Patterson.

ROSENCRANS & SONS NICELY LOCATED

Invite Friends to Call and See Them, and All Others Desiring Bargains in Real Estate.

W. E. Rosencrans & Sons, the popular real estate firm, with offices in the Fred Krug building on north Fifth street, have just had the artist, Frank Gobelman, place a beautiful gold leaf sign on their windows. This firm is one of the live wires of the city and keep something on the move all the time. Their new location is one of the most convenient to the trade found in Plattsmouth, right on the most traveled street in the city, leading to the new postoffice building. Their rooms are an elegant suite fronting east, lighted both with electricity and gas, and heated with hot water, and are comfortable and inviting at all hours of the day.

Rosencrans & Sons are pushing irrigated lands, which are situated in the San Luis Valley, Colorado, and their windows reveal samples of some of the numerous bountiful crops produced last year in the valley. There are several varieties of wheat and oats, purple bald barley, rye, cowpeas, the grasses produced for hay embrace millet, Hungarian, timothy, alfalfa and others.

The soil of the valley is very fertile. The specimens of oats grew six feet in height and tested 45 pounds per bushel and produced 93 bushels per acre. The samples of wheat, which were taken from the fields in the valley, shell out 83 kernels per head, while the average of wheat produced in Cass county will shell out about thirty kernels per head. The other products of the farms of the valley produce in the same proportion. Alfalfa grows to a height of six feet; Hungarian and millet and timothy grow the same way.

The firm will be pleased to explain the terms upon which these valuable lands can be acquired by the purchasers. Those interested will find Messrs. Rosencrans & Sons genial and obliging gentlemen and transactions with them will prove satisfactory, as they have some of the best propositions on the market.

A Serious Question.

A Lincoln business man discovered not long ago that one of his agents who was working for him upon commission had collected accounts from men to whom he had sold the firm's goods and had failed to turn in the money to the house. When the business man consulted an attorney about the matter he was told that he could not cause the man's arrest and conviction for the reason that the courts have held that where an agent has an interest in the money thus collected he cannot be held as an embezzler. What this business man would like to know is how the judges can reason out such a conclusion. The agent had kept all of the money collected, that part which belonged to the firm and that to which he was entitled as a commission. By what process of reasoning can it be held that he did not embezzle or take that which did not belong to him is the question propounded.

Brag a Good Dog.

Our friend Bates of the Journal of Plattsmouth copies the item in last week's Republican about the new postoffice and heads it, "Is Olive Sore?" No, Olive is not sore. He never did envy any man or any city their good fortune. In fact, there is no reason for Weeping Water people to envy any town. Weeping Water is pushing ahead in the face of business depression in many towns. We have had a better trade this year than any previous one for many years. We have built up as a town and have more building in view than any town in the county. If you want to live in a good town, a growing town, one with a promise based on right conditions, get located here now. Buy a lot and build.—Weeping Water Republican.

M. G. McQuinn of Union was a Plattsmouth visitor over night.

OPPOSITION OF A NATIONAL HEALTH BUREAU

Interest in the Movement Is Constantly Growing Stronger.

The marvelous activity of those opposed to the establishment of a national bureau of health is only equaled by the interest of those who have heretofore failed to carefully consider this question. Among the leading men who are contending for such a bureau, including United States Senator Owen himself, not one appears to have ever specifically pointed out in just what manner such a bureau would be of benefit to the people. For over twenty years the political doctors of the American Medical association have endeavored to secure such legislation, and to assist them the country has been flooded with false reports of plagues and pestilences which never existed. Therefore, their chief argument is that of constantly holding up to view unsubstantiated statistics and alarming estimates of things that never did and never will happen in an effort to scare the public into doing that which it would not knowingly do—that of creating a "medical trust."

The American Medical association, composed almost entirely of allopathic or "regular" physicians, would never listen for a moment to having those of another school in control of such a bureau with plenary powers to dictate treatment, but they consider themselves to be fully qualified to assume such responsibility. But what of the public? It is estimated that there are now some 17,000,000 people who make use of some form of drugless healing and it is not possible to give anything like an accurate guess of the number who employ practitioners of other schools than the "regular." These people have made their choice after having secured results desired and they are opposed to having the United States government become a party to any attempt to legislate from practice those who have proved the value of any method.

Without detracting in any way from the good that may be accomplished by the "regular" doctors, and without desiring to limit their practice by law, we think that those who may believe in other

methods of healing have a perfect right to the same freedom. Any infringement on this right savors of despotism and has no place in a free country. Any system of treatment which gives the good results does not need the support of the law to keep it in existence. The practitioners of the older school admit that after hundreds of years of practice they have not solved the questions confronting them and investigation and practice along other lines would seem to be very desirable. If the homeopath, osteopath, electric, chiropractic or Christian Scientist is able to accomplish what others have failed to do that one should receive full credit for having accomplished something for humanity.

Wedding at Lincoln.

From Friday's Daily.

The marriage of Miss Edith Grace Shepherd, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Monson Shepherd, to the Rev. Oscar Whitfield Reynolds of Greenwood, Neb., took place at 8:30 last evening at Grace Methodist church in Lincoln before a large company of invited friends. The date chosen was the anniversary of the marriage of the bride's parents, and the church building in which the ceremony was consummated had been erected under the pastorate of the bride's father. Dr. Shepherd officiated at the service, assisted by the Rev. H. B. Collins, pastor of the church. The groom is pastor of the M. E. church at Greenwood and a young man of great promise. The wedding was attended by a large number of friends of the contracting parties.

42 Years in Cass County.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. E. E. Goodwin, mother of R. L. Propst of Mynard, celebrated her 80th birthday yesterday, December 21, 1911. More than half of her life, or forty-two years, Mrs. Goodwin has been an honored resident of Cass county, having resided in the vicinity of Plattsmouth since 1869. Mrs. Goodwin's many friends in the community wish her many happy returns of the day. She has lived a long and useful life and the Journal congratulates Grandma Goodwin on the celebration of her 80th milestone.

Frank Cox and wife of Nehawka were Plattsmouth visitors today, having driven in to look after some business matters.