

WITNESSES SEE "DOPE" PASSED IN TO CONVICTS AT STATE PENITENTIARY

Jack Crawford, a Convict From This County Receives the Package of Morphine to Be Given to Another Inmate of the "Pen" Governor Aldrich to Investigate Condition of Affairs.

For some months past rumors that "dope" and "booze" were being smuggled into the penitentiary have circulated, and with a view of ascertaining the facts concerning the matter, Judge Lincoln Frost, Rev. I. Frank Roach, J. L. McBrien, Bert Wilson and Frank H. Green volunteered their services to the governor, agreeing to make an effort to learn the truth about what is going on at the prison.

Two ex-convicts, who gained their liberty last week, were interviewed by Judge Frost, one of them being Charles Burns, who has just completed an eight-year sentence, and who was willing to assist Judge Frost in demonstrating how easy it is to get the morphine into the penitentiary. Burns procured a bottle of the drug at a drug store, paying for it 90 cents, and in company with the gentlemen above named boarded a penitentiary car and went to the institution, alighted and went to the gate which is used by vehicles. Burns went to a nine-inch hole in the huge oak boards beside the gate and called "Jack." The call was not answered and Burns whistled and called "Jack" a second time, when Jack Crawford, who was convicted of wheat stealing in the district court of this county over a year ago, came forward. Burns then said to him, "I have got that bottle for Frampton; go get the brooms and I will wait for you." Jack left and returned in a few minutes with a package wrapped in a newspaper and passed it out to Burns and received the bottle of dope. The two brooms were to be of fancy workmanship, and such as ex-convicts retail for a dollar each. Frampton is a negro barber and will distribute the drug to the convicts at 25 cents "a jolt."

At the time Burns handed the bottle to Crawford he said to him:

"I couldn't make connection with the booze today, but I'll be down again Sunday night and I'll bring it to you. Tell Tooman that I'll meet him at the place agreed upon at 7:30 Sunday evening, and as soon as I am through with him I'll come and see you, and I'll be here at 8:30."

Convict Tooman is a life prisoner and is butcher for the institution. Burns agreed to meet him Sunday evening outside the prison. He did not pretend to say how Tooman would get to the place appointed—the switch north of the penitentiary—but was satisfied he would be there at the appointed time. Tooman is to send Burns a money order, which Burns is to cash, then meet him at the appointed place Sunday evening and give him the money; for this bit of work Tooman is to pay Burns \$2.50. Tooman will peddle this money among the boys inside and for every dollar he gives out he will get an order on the office for two or three dollars. This money will be in circulation by Monday or Tuesday, and then the dope which I handed in tonight will begin to circulate unless it is intercepted," said Burns.

"Jack" Crawford, who is well known here and who is "trustworthy" at the penitentiary, is a teamster at the prison. He sleeps in the barn near the east gate, through which the dope was passed, and journeys over this part of the prison grounds at intervals to see if everything is all right. Frampton had arranged with him to meet Burns at the gate after the 8:20 car arrived. The ease with which the drug and intoxicants are gotten into the prison was a surprise to the governor and he has issued an order, says the State Journal, which will be made public Monday, which will put an end to the nefarious business.

WHITING SEEMS TO BE LONG ON WIVES

Couple Married in This City on February 23, the Groom Failing to Secure a Divorce.

On February 23 Charles Allen Whiting and Mrs. Bacus came from Omaha to Plattsmouth and were joined in matrimony by Judge Beeson. It developed at the time that Mrs. Bacus had been divorced but a day or two more than the six months required by law, but the interrogatories of the judge failed to develop the fact that the proposed groom had another wife at Lincoln, from whom he had not been divorced.

It developed, however, that the intended groom was in the employ of the Omaha Ice company, but intended to go to his farm, near Seward, as soon as the spring opened up. The couple purchased a handsome certificate and boarded the M. P. for Omaha. Within a few days Mrs. Charles Allen Whiting No. 1, who had been at the home of her parents in Lincoln, got busy, with the result that last Friday she lodged a complaint with the county attorney of this county and Friday the sheriff went to Omaha to get Mr. Whiting, but found he had gone on to Lincoln, where the sheriff went in hot pursuit, securing his man and bringing him back to Plattsmouth. Saturday Whiting was arraigned for his preliminary hearing before Judge Archer, where he pleaded guilty to the crime of bigamy. He was taken back to jail, where he will remain until Judge Travis can find time to pronounce the proper sentence to transfer him to the penitentiary.

Whiting and his wife had lived apart since about December 25th last. Since that time she and their child have been making their home at her mother's and stepfather's at Lincoln. Whiting does not attempt to explain the reason for his action, other than to say that he met Mrs. Bacus in Omaha, where he was working; that she stated that it was leap year, and proposed marriage, which he accepted, never thinking of the wrong there was in it, and

ANOTHER CASS COUNTY PIONEER PASSES AWAY

William Frans, a Highly Respected Citizen, Passes Away at His Home in Union.

William Frans, one of the pioneer citizens of Liberty precinct, died at Union Saturday afternoon at the age of 84 years, of troubles incident to old age. He had been a familiar figure in that locality for almost sixty years, having first come to Cass county in 1854.

William Frans was born in Kentucky March 1, 1834, and when a young man emigrated to DeKalb county, Missouri, where he was married to Miss Rebecca Spires. After coming to Nebraska Mr. Frans engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years at old Factoryville, and carried on the business at that point until the town of Union was established, when the store was moved to that village. On account of his enfeebled condition from age, Mr. Frans some time ago retired from business.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frans, all of whom survive. Mrs. Frans, who died in October, 1910, was the first of the large family to be called by death. The sons and daughters are as follows: Augustus Frans, Oklahoma; Mrs. Flora Sans, Rock Bluffs; Mrs. Robert Cogdill, living in the western part of Nebraska; R. H. Frans, Union; Mrs. W. T. Hutchinson, Rock Bluffs; C. R. Frans, Plattsmouth; Harry M. Frans, Union, and Mrs. W. R. Cross, Union.

All of the children were present at the funeral, which occurred this afternoon, except Gustavus and Mrs. Cogdill. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. A. Taylor and was one of the largest in the vicinity of Union for a long time.

Fred McKinney Dead.

Fred McKinney, who has been a sufferer for some weeks with lung trouble and other complications, succumbed to the fell destroyer last night and died at 10 o'clock. He was the oldest son of A. J. McKinney, jr., and wife and was born at Cedar Creek November 15, 1894, being at the time of his death in his twenty-second year.

When Fred was quite a small lad his parents moved to Council Bluffs, where he grew to manhood, attending the public schools there. About a year ago he was married to Mrs. Walter Brittan and since his marriage he and his wife have resided in Omaha, and came to Plattsmouth to visit relatives for a short time, when he fell sick at the home of his uncle, James McKinney.

Besides his wife and stepchildren, Fred leaves surviving his father and mother of Omaha, four sisters and two brothers, as follows: Mrs. Lulu Thomas, Josephine, Nora and Margorite, and Bert and Ed McKinney. The funeral will occur Tuesday afternoon from the residence of his uncle, James McKinney, at the corner of Sixth street and Lincoln avenue.

Ladies' "Switches" Recovered.

Deputy County Treasurer Fred Roos was in the sheriff's office yesterday looking over the property recovered when Elmer Gray was arrested and his junk brought here. He was looking for a wig, claiming he had lost his, and he found two blonde switches, such as are worn by ladies. He wanted them so as to make a new wig, but the sheriff is holding them, as he suspects some of the ladies of Cass county lost them and has it figured out, by "deductions," that they belong to school marm's, as do also the spectacles which were also found with the school house supplies taken.—Nebraska City News.

Dumps Coal Oil Wagon.

Jim Johnson was going to Louisville last Thursday, delivering oil, and when near Charles Noyes house the wagon upset. Jim jumped off when the wagon commenced tipping, but Ed Williams, who was with him was a little slow, and a can of gasoline on the side of the wagon struck him. They telephoned a farmer, and with his two sons and a block and tackle the wagon and tank were soon righted with the loss of only about 25 gallons of gasoline that was in small cans.—Weeping Water Republican.

John Hendricks, from near Murray was in the city today looking after some business matters and while here called at the Journal office to renew the subscription of Mrs. Mattie Hathaway.

The Sensation of the Hour!

We are not given to sensations or sensational advertising, but our *Alteration Sale* has created a sensation of its own. People hereabouts are waking up to the fact that we are offering bargains exceptional and extraordinary. If you haven't been in to see them you are simply missing a golden opportunity to save money. Ask your neighbors who have bought and they will tell you of the bargain genuineness of this sale. How can we do it? Better, how can we help it? New goods are crowding in at the back door and the carpenters are crowding us back at the front door. These prices are made to move the stuff quick and you'll have to come quick if you get them. Prices quoted are strictly cash.

One lot of Men's Suits, \$5.00	One lot Buster Brown Suits, 2 1/2 8, worth \$5..... \$3.50	One lot Flannel Shirts, 95c
One lot of Men's Suits, 10.00	One lot Blouse Waists, 25c	One lot of boy's and girl's all wool waists..... 69c
One lot of Boy's Knickerbocker Suits..... 1.65	One lot Boy's Overalls, 25c	One lot of Dress Shirts, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values.... 85c
One lot Knickerbocker suits, extra fine..... 2.35	One lot Boy's Odd Knickerbockers..... 39c	Men's Winter O'Coats, \$7.50

Boy's Overcoats \$1, \$2 and \$3

C. E. Wescott's Sons

Men's and Boy's Caps 25c

DEATH OF A MOST ESTIMABLE LADY

Mrs. Louisa Cooper Passed Away at the Home of H. J. Streight Saturday Night.

After a brief illness of ten days Mrs. Louisa Cooper passed away Saturday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streight, where she had been visiting for a short time. Mrs. Cooper formerly resided in this city and possessed a great many warm friends here, and came from the home of her son, C. B. Cooper, at Tacoma, Washington, last November, to make a month's visit with her old-time Plattsmouth friends, who induced her to prolong her visit. Mr. Cooper died here about thirteen years ago, having been a resident of this city for a long time.

Mrs. Cooper's maiden name was Louisa Venyard; she was born in Indiana December 29, 1842, and while yet a little girl came west with her parents, who settled near Knoxville, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood. In the summer of 1864 she was married to Henry Cooper, who later became a soldier and a member of an Iowa company and served through the war. From Iowa Mr. and Mrs. Cooper moved to Kansas, where they lived for a time, returning to Iowa and lived at Glenwood for a year, when thirty-five years ago they came to Plattsmouth and resided here until Mr. Cooper's death. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Cooper had resided with her children, and for the past four years had resided with her son, C. B. Cooper, at Tacoma, Washington.

She was a zealous member of the W. R. C. and a social member of the Knights and Ladies of Security. She leaves surviving her, one daughter and two sons, namely: Mrs. Vannatta, Cripple Creek, Colo.; L. T. Cooper, Philadelphia, Pa., and C. B. Cooper, Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. Vannatta and L. T. Cooper were at their mother's bedside when death came to her. Her other son is expected today. The death of this estimable lady will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of warm friends and old-time neighbors. The funeral will occur from the residence of H. J. Streight Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. L. W. Gade, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will have charge of the funeral. B. C. Cooper and wife arrived from Tacoma this morning to attend the funeral.

Files for County Assessor.

L. A. Tyson of Elmwood was a Plattsmouth visitor today, having come down to the county seat to file as a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of county assessor, to be voted on at the April primaries. Lou is a fine fellow, having filled the office of county clerk two successive terms to the satisfaction of the voters of the county. There is not a thing the matter with Lou except his politics, and if the office must be filled by a republican he will do the business as well as any of them.

Mrs. E. R. Hamm and daughter, who have been visiting relatives in Iowa for several days, returned last evening on No. 2. Mr. Hamm met his wife and daughter in Omaha and accompanied them home.

PASSES AWAY AT THE AGE OF NINETY-FIVE

Jacob Schneider Passes Away at Home of His son, J. J. Schneider in Cedar Creek.

Jacob Schneider, an aged and highly respected gentleman, father of Postmaster H. A. Schneider of this city, died at the home of his son, J. J. Schneider, in Cedar Creek last night.

Mr. Schneider had been a Cass county citizen for the past forty-four years, having come to this country in 1868. He was twice married, his second wife having died but a few years ago. Mr. Schneider was a native of Switzerland, he having been born there December 23, 1816. He came to America in 1844, and to Nebraska twenty-four years later. He leaves five children surviving, the three sons being H. A., Plattsmouth, and J. J. and William of Cedar Creek.

The funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his son, J. J., and will be conducted by a Louisville minister.

Depart for Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blish, who arrived in Plattsmouth Saturday evening from a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ebinger in Plainview, departed today for their home in Conrad, Montana. They spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Blish's mother, Mrs. George Weidman. Mr. Blish established a new restaurant business in Conrad a few days ago and feels that his time is needed there, thus the cause of his brief visit in Plattsmouth.

To the Farmers!

W. T. RICHARDSON,

OF MYNARD, NEBRASKA,

desires to announce to the farmers of Cass County that in the future he will carry a full line of Farm Implements and Vehicles in connection with General Merchandise, consisting of

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| Clark Buggies | Bain Wagons |
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and any and everything in the Implement Line. Also, repairs for all implements. I also have the agency for the firm Parlin & Orendorff, wholesale and manufacturers of all kinds of implements.