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HOWARD LONG PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING

Man Charged With Stealing Tires From J. F. Wolff Garage Changes Plea and Gets $500 Fine.

From Tuesday's Daily—

The members of the petit jury panel for the March term of the district court arrived here this morning to start in on the regular grind for the term, but owing to the sudden ending of the Howard Long case the members of the panel were excused until Wednesday morning when the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Steve Biddick will be called for trial.

The defendant Howard Long, who was charged with stealing property from the John F. Wolff garage in this city, of the value of $240, had entered a plea of not guilty at the preliminary hearing and was bound over, and this morning made a decision to change his plea to that of guilty.

On hearing the plea of Long and the recommendation for clemency by the county attorney, Judge Begley sentenced the prisoner to pay a fine of $500 and the costs of the prosecution.

The amount was paid and Mr. Long who has been out on a $1,000 cash bond was allowed to return to his home in Sarpy county.

Long is the man who was captured on the night of November 26, 1924, near the Nebraska Masonic Home, by Officer Joe Libershal and Deputy Sheriff Rex Young, after a gun battle with Officers Libershal and Jackson near Fifth and Pearl street, when the officers had fired on an escaping truck that contained tires stolen from the garage of Mr. Wolff. At that time Long lenied any part in the robbery of the garage but the stolen property was found in the truck which he was driving. Other members of the party had made their escape when Long was overhauled by the officers and brought on down to the county jail and looked up.

CASS COUNTY MAN LOSES HIS WATCH

From Tuesday's Daily—

Two watches, a five-dollar gold piece and a Canadian two-dollar bill were stolen from the home of L. F. Polk, 1330 North Thirty-seventh st., Lincoln, sometime Sunday night. The front door of the house was left open by mistake, and entrance was made thru it.

Miss Gertrude Wood, a business college student residing with the Polks, had the two dollars in a purse left in a bureau drawer. The drawer was found open and the empty purse dropped on the floor. Harvey Koop of Louisville, Neb., a guest at the Polk home, missed his watch and a five-dollar gold piece when he arose Monday morning. Mr. Polk missed his watch and chain. Nothing else was known to have been stolen by the thief.

Mr. Polk valued his watch highly as a keepsake, having had it in his possession for about forty years. Mr. Koop stated that he heard a noise a few hours after midnight, but ascribed it to the wind and did not suspect burglars. Nothing was disturbed in the house except the stolen articles.

AMERICANIZATION WEEK

The Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs is planning a state wide speaking campaign on the subject of Americanization for the week of March 16 to 22. Believing that Americanization is one of the most vital problems before this country today, the Federation has presented this subject at all of its recent state and district conventions, and it now desires to bring the issue still more prominently to the attention of the public.

Throughout the nation there are scattered little communities and isolated families of foreign born people living apart from the life of the country, unable to understand our languarge or to read our newspapers, unable to fulfill the common duties of citizens. It is of the utmost importance that all true Americans help these people to learn our language, to understand the spirit of America, and to become loyal intelligent citizens. All over the country this work is being undertaken by various organizations, and Women's Clubs are doing valiant service. In Nebraska excellent work is being done at certain points, but there is great need for a more widespread understanding of this problem.

Able forceful speakers are being secured. These men are giving their time, asking only that expenses be met. The Plattsmouth Woman's Club has been able to secure Mr. Joseph Masters, principal of Central high school, who will give an address on Americanization, at the Presbyterian church, Friday, March 20th at 8 o'clock. The meeting is for the public and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

ALFALFA HAY FOR SALE.

Alfalfa, first, second and third cutting, all under cover, for sale. Phone 3203.

SAM GILMOUR.

CLOSE SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE

From Monday's Daily—

The Epworth League institute of the Omaha district sub-division, which was in session here Friday and Saturday, closed its work yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church. Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz gave a very able sermon at the morning service yesterday at the church which was dedicated to the young people of the league and was most inspirational in its message to the members of the institute and provided a very fine closing feature of the institute. A section of the church had been reserved for the delegates and members of the society who enjoyed to the utmost the able address given them.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS PLEASANT MEETING YESTERDAY

Missionary Program Brings Out An Unusual Interest For Members of the Society.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon the ladies of the W. C. T. U. were most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. William Baird, the occasion being in the nature of a missionary session of the union.

For the afternoon, Mrs. L. L. Wiles and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson joined with Mrs. Baird in the entertaining of the large party of ladies.

The devotions and the missionary program was under the leadership of Mrs. C. C. Wescott and embraced many very interesting features during the afternoon.

In the musical program the trio composed of Mesdames Ed Roman, R. B. Hayes and E. G. Shallenberger, gave a most delightful number while Miss Evelyn Robb at the piano also gave a very pleasing solo number. Mrs. Frank L. Barkus was the accompanist for the trio selections.

The ladies had with them a number of the representatives of the missionary societies of the other churches of the city, Mrs. Robert Troop representing the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Frank L. Cummins, the Episcopal, and Mrs. W. R. Robb, the Christian church.

One feature of the evening was the special reviews of the missionary work in all parts of the world made by ladies in costume, Mrs. Ed Roman presenting the missions of India, Mrs. Robert Hayes those of the far north and Alaska, and Mrs. V. T. Arn that of the American Indians.

At a suitable hour in the afternoon a very dainty and delicious luncheon was served that added to the enjoyment of all of the party.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

From Monday's Daily—

Yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the college hospital at Ames, Iowa, Charles Hartford, Jr., of this city, was operated on for an acute case of appendicitis. The young man was taken with the affliction on Sunday morning at 2 o'clock and the case was of such seriousness that the attending physicians decided the operation was necessary at once and accordingly the patient was taken to the operating room and the appendix removed.

Charles came through the operation very nicely and word from the hospital is that his condition is all that could be desired. Charles E. Hartford, the father of the young man, departed yesterday afternoon for Ames on receiving word of the illness of the son and reached that place last night shortly after the operation. He will remain there several days with the patient until his condition is fully determined.

NOW SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

From Tuesday's Daily—

The many friends of Thomas F. Murphy, who has been for several weeks at the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha, will be pleased to learn that he is now steadily improving and has given the attending physicians the greatest of hope for his recovery as he has greatly improved in the last few days. Mrs. Murphy, who was also sick at the hospital for several days, has now so far recovered that she is able to leave the hospital and go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Weber where she will remain for a few days recuperating.

SUFFERING FROM FLU

From Monday's Daily—

For the past few days Miss Irene Pfoutz, the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Emory Pfoutz, has been quite ill at her home as the result of an attack of the flu. The little lady has been very poorly and the family have been greatly worried over her condition, but she is now showing more favorable indications and the hope is entertained that she may soon be able to resume her school work.

NOTICE, FARMERS!

Red clover seed for sale, 1924 crop, free from weed seeds. If interested call Sherman Cole, Plattsmouth phone No. 2221.

PAY TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED MEMBER OF BAR

MEMBERS OF CASS COUNTY BAR JOIN IN TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF R. B. WINDHAM

FINE TRIBUTE BY C. A. RAWLS

Other Members Join in Paying Honor to Departed Friend and Associate for the Services.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Last evening there were a number of the old friends as well as those near and dear to the late Robert B. Windham gathered at the district court room of the court house to attend the services arranged by the members of the Cass county bar in honor of the memory of the departed lawyer and statesman.

The occasion was presided over by Judge James T. Begley and there was present the larger part of the members of the bar in this city as well as Attorney C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water. Several members of the Otoe county bar who had started for this city were unable to reach here on account of the very bad roads.

One of the most beautiful tributes that could be given by one man in the memory of a friend and associate was offered by Attorney C. A. Rawls, who had been associated with Mr. Windham in their legal business and also a warm personal friendship. Mr. Rawls in the beauty of his address lifted the minds and hearts of his audience above the common things of life and placed them on a high plane of thought well worthy of the upright, Christian life of Mr. Windham. In the human existence there were two great mysteries, life and death, the one commonplace attracted much attention, the latter when it came in the circle of those we knew or loved brought the bitterness of separation but both were the workings of the Divine Will that judged all things. Robert B. Windham had penetrated the last of these mysteries of life and in his going had left behind a rich heritage. Mr. Rawls paid a wonderful tribute to the love and devotion of Mr. Windham to his home and his country.

Attorney A. L. Tidd also spoke briefly of his acquaintanceship of the past twenty-five years with the departed, his kindliness, the fact that he spoke no word of evil of those who had opposed him. A man of strong convictions, he had given to his fellowman the same right of thought and opinion that he himself held; he bore no malice in his dealings with his opponents. On one occasion, Mr. Tidd stated, he had urged Mr. Windham to enter the race for congress but he had declined because he felt his first duty was to his family and it was this faithfulness in little things that had made him a great figure in the life of the community in which he lived.

Probably one of the shortest and most concise tributes of the evening was that given by William A. Robertson, one of the younger members of the bar, who in his summing up of the acquaintanceship of Mr. Windham that had dated from his boyhood days was that he was one of the highest types of Christian, American manhood that he had ever known.

Attorney C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water also paid a short tribute to Mr. Windham. While he had not had the intimate acquaintanceship of others of the bar he had learned to love the departed for the splendid virtues of his life, his character as a Christian gentleman and his enrichment of the lives of those with whom he came in touch.

Attorney D. O. Dwyer, dean of the Cass county bar, spoke shortly of the acquaintanceship with the departed since he came here in 1889 and of the wonderful character that he had found in the life of Mr. Windham. He had left behind him a wonderful example of a well spent life whose riches could not be measured in gold but in the memory of the love and kindness that he had showered on those he had loved. From the life of Mr. Windham many a young man or woman had gathered inspiration for their lives and in this he had indeed enriched the world that he had made his abiding place for the years of his lifetime.

Allen J. Beeson, former county judge, gave his tribute to the departed member of the bar from an observation of some thirty years. In his knowledge of Mr. Windham, Judge Beeson stated he had been impressed with his splendid Christian character and his great love for his family to which for many years he was both father and mother.

Attorney C. E. Martin also commended the life of Mr. Windham for its example to the community altho he was not given the opportunity of being the close personal friend that other members of the bar had been.

Joseph A. Capwell, one of the young members of the bar, added his sincere tribute to the memory of Mr. Windham, whom he had known only in the last few months of life but whose beautiful character had left a deep impression upon him. He honored him for his services to his country and for the fact that he had fought the good fight and kept the faith.

County Attorney W. G. Kieck spoke of the kindly manner in which Mr. Windham had welcomed him when he had come to this city and the many pleasant visits he had enjoyed with the departed. The kindly attitude, the splendid personality of Mr. Windham were inspirations to all who knew him.

James M. Robertson, also one of the pioneers of Cass county and clerk of the district court for almost a quarter of a century was called upon by Judge Begley and paid a short tribute to the friend that he had known for so many years in that time many close personal touches with his life that endeared him to the memory of his friends. Mr. Windham was an ideal man, the speaker stated.

Judge James T. Begley closed the services with a brief tribute from the bench, expressing his own high opinion of the life and work of Mr. Windham and the sincere manner in which the members of the bar had given their tributes, as the court stated, members of the bar grew to know each other well, to realize their strength or weakness, and the manner in which all had offered their tributes to Mr. Windham indicated his standing in the community and among his associates.

GRAVELING COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE ITS WORK

Next Few Days Hoped to See Final Details Arranged for Creation of Gravel District.

From Monday's Daily—

The committee that has charge of the proposition of the graveling of the King of Trails from the Otoe county line to this city, are to complete their work this week it is hoped and insure the residents along this great transcontinental highway a good permanent road through this section of the state.

The residents of Liberty precinct are all through with their portion of the graveling proposition and the committee at this end of the line are hopeful that they will have their amount all raised by Thursday when the board of county commissioners meet and when they will take definate action on the graveling.

If the residents of the community are ready the commissioners will take action toward creating the district and starting the work and if not they will abandon the project for the present at least.

This is a great opportunity for the residents of this section of the county to secure a fine graveled highway and one that will go a long ways toward taking this locality out of the mud and eliminating the bad roads that have for weeks and months made travel impossible in the winter season.

Now is the time for action and there is no one who resides in the vicinity of the King of Trails highway who should hesitate to get into the band wagon and help make the graveling a success and save the residents of the district the troubles and privations caused by the muddy roads that cut off all travel.

Let everybody get together and put the project over the top by the time of the meeting of the commissioners on Thursday and make possible the graveling of the highway by the time the next winter rolls around.

Other sections of the county are getting busy in solving the good roads question by advancing graveling and other forms of hard surfaced roads and this locality has certainly suffered enough to know that they need the graveling and need it bad.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

From Tuesday's Daily—

Yesterday was the fourteenth birthday anniversary of Miss Catherine McClusky and the occasion was most fittingly observed by the Sunday school class of the little lady, the Merry Maids, at the McClusky home.

The home was most attractively arranged in a color scheme of pink and white and in which the spring flowers were used very extensively in carrying out the color scheme of the afternoon.

The members of the party spent the time most delightfully in games of all kinds which proved a diversion enjoyed to the utmost by all of the party, the young people being assisted by their teacher, Miss Isabel Hartley in the amusements of the afternoon.

At a suitable hour dainty refreshments were served and the occasion made more pleasant by the beautiful birthday cake with its glowing candles that added to the charm of the event.

In honor of the birthday anniversary, Miss Catherine received a large number of beautiful gifts from the young friends and associates.

Phone us the news!

AN IMPRESSIVE WELCOME GIVEN NEW CITIZENS

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION, BOY SCOUTS AND ATTORNEYS GIVE WELCOME

URGE KNOWLEDGE OF NATION

The Sacrifices That Have Made This Nation Brought to the Minds of New Citizens.

From Monday's Daily—

This morning the time of the district court was given over to naturalization of the applicant for citizenship in the United States of America and the ceremonies that welcomed those who were renouncing their allegiances to foreign powers was made most impressive by the efforts of the patriotic services arranged.

The fifteen applicants for their final papers were seated in the court room and the patriotic program given by the D. A. R., Boy Scouts, American Legion and other patriotic bodies was most impressive and to which the new citizens gave the closest attention.

Mrs. William Baird, regent of Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, on behalf of this organization presented each of the applicants with the manual of citizenship that has been prepared by the D. A. R. and which gives many important and pertinent facts as to the American government and the constitution of the nation.

The Boy Scouts gave the salute to the flag that was most inspiring with its patriotic fever and at the conclusion of which Edgar Wescott gave a short history of the flag and the significance of this, the second oldest flag in the nations of the world.

Attorney J. A. Capwell, representing the American Legion, gave a very inspiring address in which he pointed out the need of the citizenship to carefully guard their nation, to cherish and protect their rights and by their acts to make their part in the life of the nation real and vital in every way by their participation in the elections, and by their stand for the best interests of the country to which they are swearing their allegiance on this day.

Attorney C. A. Rawls, also, gave a few brief remarks that reflected the highest patriotic sentiment, urging the study of the declaration of independence, the constitution of the United State and the duty of the citizenship of the nation to make what sacrifices might be necessary to preserve the country and its institutions.

Judge Begley warmly commended the splendid not of the meeting as a fitting start of Americanization week over the nation and expressed the appreciation of the efforts made to give the new citizens welcome by the patriotic societies of the city.

There were some fifteen applicants present with their witnesses, and among those who were applying for their final papers were a number of ladies that were born in this country but having married citizens of other nations found it necessary to make formal application for their citizenship papers as under the law they had been deprived of their citizenship by marriage with alien residents of the country.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN SIXTH STREET STORE

From Tuesday's Daily—

The interior of the Lorenz Brothers store on North Sixth street is being given an overhauling and general clean-up that is adding a great deal to the general appearance of that up-to-date place of business and will be very much more convenient to the owners of the store and their patrons.

The counters in the store have all been repainted and grained by John Svoboda and Joseph Hiber, and are very tasty and attractive in appearance and each of the counters has been arranged with shelving that can accommodate canned goods and other lines of groceries.

The meat counter has also been moved back several feet on the west side of the store and gives a much larger space in the center of the store for the handling of the trade and for new show cases that are to be added later by the Messrs. Lorenz.

With the change in arrangements the firm is now able to use a part of their large display ice box for vegetables and smoked meats that can be viewed by the customers and makes it a great deal more convenient for the owners of the store.

Under the new plan the store will have the fruit and vegetable counters on the south side of the store, while the canned goods and groceries will be kept on the north side of the store room and easy of access by the patrons and the clerks.

The center of the store will be occupied by glass show cases that are to be of the latest and most up to date type.

REMOVES TO LINCOLN

From Monday's Daily—

Mrs. Ed Baumgart, who has for the past several years been in very poor health as the result of severe attacks of rheumatism, has been taken from her farm home west of the city to Lincoln where she will remain at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kaffenberger and receive treatment. Mrs. Baumgart's poor health has made this move necessary as she can be more conveniently cared for at the home of her parents and it is hoped will receive benefit from the course of treatment that may enable her to return to her home relieved at least of her very painful malady.

STEVE BIDDICK ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Man Charged With Arson Will Go On Trial Wednesday Morning In the District Court.

From Monday's Daily—

This morning at the opening of the March term of the district court, Steve Biddick, charged with arson in connection with the burning of a lumber shed at the Burlington shops here last October, was brought before Judge Begley and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge preferred by the state.

The case is one that will be called for trial on Wednesday and will be one of the mist important in the March calendar of the court. In the hearing there will be a large number of witnesses called to testify.

Mr. Biddick is represented in the case by Claude Wilson of Lincoln and Attorney A. L. Tidd of this city, and the defense will oppose very vigorously the attempts of the state to convict the prisoner of the charge preferred against him.

MAY REBUILD HOUSE

From Monday's Daily—

Attorney D. O. Dwyer, whose residence property was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, is as yet undecided as to what steps he will take to replace the burned building. There was not a thing left of the contents of the home, the many very valuable paintings and other family treasures being wiped out in the fire which money cannot replace. Mr. Dwyer had just recently purchased a new Remington typewriter which was destroyed in the fire and also a great many of the books in his private library were destroyed. Many of the personal effects of Harry and Howard Dwyer that had been left in the home were also in the list of articles that were burned.

The residence was one that cannot be replaced for less than four or five thousand dollars and Mr. Dwyer thinks at this time that he will probably have it rebuilt this coming summer as the location is a very desirable one for a home.

FARM SALE

160 acres, known as CORNELIUS BENGEN farm about two miles south of Mynard, Nebraska, will be sold at public auction at south door of Court House, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Saturday, March 28th, 10 o'clock a. m.

C. A. RAWLS,
Referee.

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DE MOLAY ORDER HOLDS ITS DEVOTIONAL SERVICES

Members of Cass Chapter Attend Services at First Presbyterian Church Sunday.

From Monday's Daily—

In keeping with the tenets of their order, the members of Cass Chapter, Order of DeMolay, yesterday observed Devotional day services of the order by attending in a body the special service at the First Presbyterian church that had been arranged in honor of the young men of this great fraternity.

The members of the chapter met at their club rooms in the Arries building and headed by Fred Trilety, master councilor, and James Jean, marshal, marched in a body to the church where seats had been reserved for their membership.

At the church a short address on "DeMolay and Its Principles," was given by William Matschullat, who was one of the leading DeMolays selected last year by the grand council as representing the embodiment of the principles of the order. Mr. Matschullat in his address gave a short history of the order from its foundation a few years ago as the first and most influential strictly boys' fraternity in the country and had now grown international in its scope. He covered very thoroughly the precepts of the order and the virtues that they have adopted as their guidance in the order and in their daily lives.

The address was very interesting to the large congregation and gave them a clear insight into the workings of this splendid organization that in early youth teaches the boy the virtues that make character and good citizens and fits them for their future lives with minds and bodies clear and clean.

Rev. H. G. McClusky also gave a short sermon touching on the order and the high ideals for which it stood and urging the following of the examples that the DeMolay has set as one for the community, state and nation to follow.

During the service, Mrs. H. W. Black also gave a very beautiful vocal number that added to the beauty of the service.

The attendance was very large and those who were present felt that they had been well repaid for their visit to the church in the knowledge given of DeMolay and its workings.

HOLD FAMILY REUNION

From Monday's Daily—

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gamble, former residents of this city and now living in Omaha, was held a very pleasant family reunion during the week end. In the reunion there were four generations of the family represented, Mrs. Jacob Forsyth, of Lincoln, mother of Mrs. Gamble, and Mrs. Gamble's daughter, Mrs. H. L. Thomas and little daughter, Elizabeth Anne Thomas of Plattsmouth. The Gamble family have many friends over the entire country, as Mr. Gamble was engaged in school work at Eagle and Elmwood and later country superintendent and city superintendent of the Plattsmouth schools. In recent years the family have resided in Omaha but still keep in touch with the old friends in this community.

Save and Thrive in '25

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You can—if you start a systematic course of saving, keep your savings constantly growing, and let the money earn compound interest in our Savings department.

With regular deposits and the 4% interest which we pay, the account will grow faster than you realize. Start now—and when you see the interest payments entered in your pass book, you'll say it was well worth the effort!

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