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## Josh Hammond Acquitted by the Jury Today

### Freed of Charles Made of Conspiracy to Steal Hogs After Long Drawn Out Fight.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
This morning the jury in the district court that was deliberating on the issues and facts in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Josh Hammond, returned a verdict acquitting Mr. Hammond of the charges preferred against him. The case was given to the jury at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the verdict rendered at 9 o'clock this morning after an all night deliberation of the members of the jury.

The trial of the case has attracted a great deal of attention over the county and particularly here and at Cedar Creek and Cullom where the parties in the action are well known, the hog ranch from where the trouble emanated being in the vicinity of Cullom.

The state charged in a complaint the conspiracy of Mr. Hammond, Ray Denham and Troy Manzer to take seventy-four head of hogs from the Hayward hog ranch of which Manzer is the foreman, sell them and divide the profits. Manzer was the chief witness of the state in the case against Hammond.

The defense contended that the affair was a "frameup" of the owners of the hog ranch and the detectives in the case to place the crime of hog stealing on Mr. Hammond and their defense was laid along this line. It was contended by the defense that Mr. Hammond had been approached by Manzer with the proposition of buying some hogs from the ranch at a very low price and arrangements were made to buy the hogs and in compliance with this arrangements were made to ship the hogs on a bill of lading.

The hogs that were alleged to be the result of the conspiracy were seventy-four in number and were sold on the Omaha market after being loaded by the foreman of the ranch and shipped with the knowledge of the owners and the purchase price of the hogs was paid over to the Peters Trust Co. the administrators of the Harry V. Hayward estate, the owners of the ranch. This fact led to the charge of larceny being dropped and affected seriously the charge of conspiracy on which Mr. Hammond was tried.

The vindication of Mr. Hammond after the long litigation is most pleasing to his friends over this part of the county.

In the first preliminary hearing in the case in the county court here Mr. Hammond was released from any complicity in the case by Judge Duxbury but on a second complaint tried before Judge Lynn at Union he was bound over to the district court.

## RETURN FROM SAD MISSION

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Mrs. C. N. Beverage of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Alph Beverage, who were called to Blair a few days ago on account of the fatal injuries to Eugene Hitchman, aged 11, grandson of Mrs. Beverage, returned home yesterday and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Satchell of Madison.

The fatal accident to the young lad occurred a week ago Saturday while he was playing with several companions on the road between the Hitchman home and Blair. The members of the party had a gun in which the bullet was lodged and while the boys were working to extract the bullet the weapon was discharged, the shot entering the boy's right side and puncturing the intestines seven times. The lad was rushed to the Blair hospital and Dr. Summers of Omaha called to operate. A second operation was found necessary last Tuesday and this was followed by the collapse of the heart of the young man and he continued to sink rapidly until he passed away on Thursday. The funeral services were held at Blair on Saturday afternoon. The death of the boy came as a severe blow to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hitchman, formerly of this city, as well as the other relatives and close friends of the family. He was a grandson of Mrs. Beverage of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hitchman of Weeping Water.

## RECEIVES HIGH HONORS

From Monday's Daily—  
Carl Droege of Omaha was here yesterday in company with his sister, Mrs. Theresa Connors for a visit of several hours with their mother, Mrs. Lena Droege. Mr. Droege is a clerk in the Omaha postoffice and is engaged in the mail terminal building at the Burlington station and on the recent examinations of the clerks he was given one of the highest ratings of any of the clerks, 100 in all points of examination. He has been a clerk in the Omaha postoffice for the past seven years and the many friends here will be pleased to learn of his success in this line of work.

## ENJOY A SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

From Monday's Daily—  
The Sunday school of the St. Paul's church held a very successful bazaar on Saturday afternoon and evening at the basement of the church and which was attended by a very large number despite the fact that the weather conditions were far from pleasant and the young people of the Sunday school had a very generous patronage that will enable them to clear a neat sum that will be devoted to the church work. The very handsome quilt offered as a special prize was won by Miss Cordelia Black and will make a very handsome gift for the fortunate lady.

## Charge Man with Abandonment of Family

### Complaint Filed in County Court Against Lester Wright—Hearing on Saturday.

From Monday's Daily—  
On Saturday afternoon a complaint was filed in the county court against Lester Wright, charging the defendant with having abandoned his wife and minor children, all residents of this city. Mr. Wright called at the court house on being notified of the charges that had been preferred against him and was at once arraigned in the county court entering a plea of not guilty to the charge.

On the plea of not guilty the court placed a bond of the defendant at \$500 and which was signed by Jesse and Arthur Wright, brothers of the defendant and on the approval of the bond Mr. Wright was released from custody.

The date of the hearing in the case was set for Saturday, November 27th in the county court.

## VISITS FRIENDS HERE

From Monday's Daily—  
Mr. and Mrs. George E. DeWolf and their little son here over Sunday visiting with the old time friends, motoring over from their home at Creston, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. DeWolf were to have arrived here Friday evening for a dinner engagement but on arriving at the banks of the Missouri river found that the stream was becoming ice bound and the ferry out of commission and as this city is practically shut off from the Iowa side of the river as far as railroad accommodations in the evening is concerned, the party found it necessary to drive to Omaha via Council Bluffs and thence on to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWolf arrived here late Friday night and Mrs. DeWolf and little son remained here Saturday while Mr. DeWolf was one of the Nebraska grads who froze in the snow storm to see the Nebraska victory over New York. The family are very much pleased with the new location at Creston and where they have one of the best educational systems in the state of Iowa.

While here Mr. and Mrs. DeWolf were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor.

## DEPARTS FOR LINCOLN

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This morning Dr. H. C. Leopold and wife departed by auto for Lincoln, where they are to make their home in the future and will make their home at 644 North 24th street.

The household effects of the family were loaded onto the McMaken trucks which started out on the long journey to the capital city where they will be met by Dr. and Mrs. Leopold and the arrangement of the new home made.

The many friends here regret to have Dr. and Mrs. Leopold depart from the city but in their leaving they will carry with them the well wishes of the friends for their future success and happiness in the new home.

The Leopold home on Pearl street will be occupied by Mr. Distell, the superintendent of the BRX shops here and who expects to bring his family here from Atlanta, Georgia, in a short time.

## LIKES OKLAHOMA

From Wednesday's Daily—  
F. J. Hennings and wife, who have been spending some time in Oklahoma, where they have land interests in the vicinity of Minco, are very much pleased with the country there and particularly with that section in which they have interests. While here they visited a number of the larger cities and were very much pleased with what they saw of the country and it is not improbable that they may decide to later remove to the Sooner state to make their home, as they feel the climate there is much better than here in Nebraska. The property of Mr. and Mrs. Hennings is located some thirty miles from Oklahoma City and in the heart of the great agricultural and oil centers.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

## Plattsmouth Elks Observe 25th Birthday

### Notable Occasion Marked With Banquet at the Main Hotel Was Largely Attended.

From Tuesday's Daily—  
Last night for a space of a few brief hours the dial of time was turned backward by the members of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 739, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of the lodge in this city which occurred on November 21, 1901, the old time members of the order furnishing the keynote of the recollections of the days gone by, many of the incidents being a part of Elks history, filled with joy and warm fellowship that the passage of time has gilded in tender memory.

It was in the summer of 1901 that a group of Plattsmouth residents, H. R. Gering, J. S. Livingston, H. N. Dovey, W. J. Straight, T. E. Parmele, W. J. Stadelmann and F. R. Ballance, members of Omaha Lodge No. 39, decided that they wished this city to have a lodge of Elks and these were the signers of the application for a charter of a lodge here that was granted in November and the lodge duly constituted.

Those who had pushed the formation of the lodge here as the result of their activity secured some fifty-five members pledged and on November 21, 1901 the lodge was formally instituted by the aid of the officers of Omaha Lodge No. 39, who conducted the formal ceremonies of the order fitting to the occasion.

The charter members of the lodge were as follows: C. M. Chapman, E. J. Richey, E. S. Tutt, L. L. Solomon, George L. Farley, Henry Herold, E. A. Wurl, C. W. Coffey, H. E. Weddemann, J. C. Koch, L. D. Hiatt, Dr. C. A. Marshall, Dr. E. W. Cook, Dr. W. B. Elster, T. H. Pollock, Ben Elson, D. C. Morgan, M. Panger, E. A. Oliver, R. F. Patterson, A. L. Spitzer, F. A. Murphy, G. F. S. Burton, E. H. Schulhof, J. W. Johnson, D. Hawksworth, H. E. Snyder, F. W. Richey, T. M. Patterson, Otto Bookmeyer, Otto A. Wurl, J. A. Manning, D. S. Guild, R. W. Clement, Carl G. Fricke, C. H. Smith, Matthew Gering, W. W. Coates, Everett Easton, J. P. Falter, F. M. Richey, W. K. Fox, Canon H. B. Burgess.

These men formed the basis of the first movement for the Elks order and many of them are still active in the ranks of the order in this city, one of these being at the present time exalted ruler, Emmos J. Richey. The membership at this time is some 225. At the time of the installing of the lodge the first officers selected were Henry R. Gering, exalted ruler; Dr. J. S. Livingston, leading knight; H. N. Dovey, loyal knight; W. J. Straight, lecturing knight; W. J. Stadelmann, secretary; D. B. Smith esquire and H. F. Goos, inner guard. The first trustees were C. C. Parmele, F. J. Morgan, and F. E. Schlatter. All of the original officers are still members of the order except D. B. Smith and F. J. Morgan, both deceased.

## The Banquet.

The members of the local lodge with their guests assembled at the Hotel Main last evening for the banquet which was decided upon as the form for the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary and which proved a most fitting recognition of the event.

The dining room of the hotel was arranged in the streamers of purple and white, the Elk colors, these being arranged with the streamers while in the center of the room the American flag was suspended and on the tables the purple candles and the purple and white fall flower formed a pleasing touch to the scene. The menu was exquisite in its preparation and served very delightfully by the ladies of the St. Mary's guild of the St. Luke's church and this feature of the occasion was one in which the ladies can feel a very pardonable pride at the success and thoroughly enjoyable repast that was arranged for the Elks.

E. J. Richey, exalted ruler called the banquets to order and introduced Judge James T. Begley as the toastmaster of the occasion and in that position the distinguished jurist fitted most admirably and his introductions of the speakers were well chosen and clever.

In his opening remarks Judge Begley expressed the pride of the members of the order that embraced some 1,000,000 membership over the country and stated the fact that Plattsmouth Elks could feel well pleased with the twenty-five years that their lodge had been in existence. The toastmaster paid a very glowing tribute to the charter members, a number of whom are still active in the order and whose labors have been in a large part responsible for the advancement of the order here.

Dr. J. S. Livingston, one of the veteran Elks and the second exalted ruler of the order was called upon for a response to the "Charter Mem-

bers" and gave a short outline of the old time history of the lodge from the day of its inception. At the time of the installing of the lodge here they had secured rooms over where the Arries pool hall is now located and it was there that the first session of the lodge was held when the 55 members of the first lodge were given their right and title as Elks. Of the original members there were twenty that had passed on to the grand lodge above and thirteen were still active in the order, others having retired from the order and its work in the passing of the years or had moved to other cities where they are still active in the order. Dr. Livingston told of the migration of the order from the Arries building to the Coates block in 1903 and to the present Elks building in 1913. The work of the Elks in patriotic and civic lines was also touched upon briefly by the speaker.

Henry R. Gering, first exalted ruler in a few remarks stated his pleasure at meeting the friends of the lodge and urged the members to more fully appreciate the Elks and to live their lives as true and loyal Elks in every sense of the term.

E. J. Richey, present exalted ruler was introduced to tell a little of the Elks of later day as he had been the head of the order when the present building was erected and in his movement Mr. Richey stated that the co-operation and support of the members had given the inspiration that had allowed the erection of the building with indebtedness and which was now reduced to a few hundred dollars. Mr. Richey urged more attendance at the meetings as the means of securing additional benefits and improvements to the building that housed the order. L. C. Gibson of Omaha, who as loyal knight of Omaha lodge, was here twenty-five years ago, expressed his pleasure at enjoying the occasion and also gave several very interesting stories that enlivened the occasion.

Frank E. Green, state editor of the Lincoln Star and secretary of the Lincoln lodge No. 80, who was a resident here for many years was called upon and gave a short address that was a beautiful tribute to the old home and the tender associations that it held for the speaker. His emotion and the tender sentiments of the home times was particularly touching to the older members of the Elks and the friends of years ago of Mr. Green. His tribute to the memory of the old friends, living and gone was a touching one and given with the heartfelt sincerity of the speaker while his exemplification of the teachings of brotherly love was a wonderful inspiration to every Elk.

Walter Nelson, secretary of Omaha lodge, who has been here in occasions of note in local Elk circles was much enjoyed and on which the speaker particularly touched on the dedication of the Elks club house here and his memorable auto ride with "Zeke" as well as relating other incidents of the pleasant association of Omaha and Plattsmouth Elks.

Judge James M. Fitzgerald, exalted ruler of Omaha lodge was heard in a short and very pleasing address in which he complimented the local lodge and urged them to strive for greater goals and to carry the teachings of the Elks as an inspiration for the future lives.

The main address of the evening was given by T. B. Dysart of Omaha, vice president of the state Elks association and who had as his subject "The Greater Mission of Elkdom." The lateness of the hour made necessary the speaker curtailing his very inspiring remarks but in the time that he was speaking he held the closest attention of the members of the banquet party. The speaker urged the Elks to lead the campaign for greater respect for constituted authority in the state and nation and cited as an example of the raising tide of lawlessness the Omaha court house riot of 1920 and the fact that law-abiding people had hood by and allowed a small part of the assembly inspired by the mob spirit to wreck their vengeance. It was a breaking down of law that the nation should be trained against and which the Elks could assist by creating a greater inspiration of the love of country and its laws. The speaker also stressed the brotherly love and the work of the Elks in the doing of good to all mankind.

The banquet was closed by Exalted Ruler Richey with a short appeal to the membership for a greater part in the lodge and its work.

The committee on arrangements for the very delightful banquet was composed of R. W. Clement, L. L. Turpin and Dr. J. S. Livingston, while the decorating committee was composed of B. A. Rosecrans, Lawrence Sprecher and C. C. Cotner, both of these committees contributed a great deal toward the success of the affair by their splendid handling of the details of their work.

During the course of the banquet a program of musical numbers was given by Harvey Johnson, violinist and Miss Vyril Fossler, pianist.

All kinds of business stationery printed at the Journal office.

## Legion's Indoor Carnival Closes Successfully

### Result Will Leave Hugh J. Kearns Post With Good Sum for Building Fund.

From Monday's Daily—  
The 1926 winter carnival of Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion closed Saturday evening at the Eagles hall with a crowd that filled the hall to its utmost capacity and as the result of the very generous patronage of the residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county the service men's organization will realize a neat sum that will be applied to the building fund of the post and assisting in making possible a realization of the desire of the past few years of a community memorial auditorium.

The local post of the American Legion has devoted its funds in various community enterprises and they have purchased the lots outright from their own funds for the site of the community building and which with their future receipts and donations of the generous people of the community it is hoped to realize the dream of a lasting and fitting monument to the service men who are serving in peace as they did in war, for their communities and the nation and in their work they have had the support of the Plattsmouth people in a large measure and for which they feel very deep sense of obligation and appreciation.

At the Saturday wind-up of the carnival all of the various booths did a splendid business and were well cleared out as the last minutes of the carnival drew near and the attendance from the out of town districts was especially large and those who were present enjoyed very much their opportunity of helping the Legion.

The Chevrolet car that had been offered as a prize was secured by W. A. Hell of Myard, making one of the many cars that have been won by the out of town ticket holders. The numbers were placed in a large churn that was turned a number of times and the drawing made under the supervision of L. L. Turpin, the numbers being drawn by a young lady. The two in the final drawing were Charles Atterberry of this city and Mr. Heil.

The door prize of the evening was won by Ray Tschirren of this vicinity who received a handsome set of dishes.

The Saturday festival witnessed the elimination contest of the lady hog callers and in this Mrs. William Bostick of this city received the first prize, Mrs. H. L. Gayer of Murray, the second and Miss Mildred Meisner of this city the third prize. The Harvest Festival this year was marked by the attendance of Fred Patzel, of Madison, Nebraska, the Mary Garden of swine callers, and who won at the Omaha radio show the designation of the world's champion hog caller and those who heard Fred and his swine song while he was here for the six days of the festival agree that in the hog calling he is without a peer. The presence of Mr. Patzel here stimulated the interest in the hog calling with a large number of entries in the contest which resulted Dr. O. Sandin of this city being proclaimed the champion of Cass county.

The local post of the American Legion desires to express their deepest appreciation of the generous aid in personal service given by a great many of the local people and to everyone who by their patronage and presence assisted in making the event the success that it has proven to be.

## TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

From Monday's Daily—  
The teachers who are members of the Cass County Normal Training Group held a very interesting session Saturday morning, November 20, in the District Court room. Despite the snow and bad roads the Misses Beulah and Blanche Little of Weeping Water, Katie Nickel of Elmwood, and Evelyn Jackman of Louisville came in to share their experiences with the other members of the group. Miss Mildred Meisner favored the group with an enjoyable reading and the remainder of the morning was spent in animated discussion. The next meeting will be held in this city Saturday, December 18, 1926. Twenty-two applicants presented themselves for teachers' examination on Saturday at the Court House. All but four of these are Plattsmouth Normal Training students.

## WILL VISIT CHICAGO

From Tuesday's Daily—  
This afternoon Miss Ruth Tidball who is attending the university of Nebraska and Miss Helen Westcott of Wesleyan university, departed for Chicago where they will spend a few days during the Thanksgiving vacation at Evanston with Mason and Alice Louise Westcott who are attending the Northwestern university. Miss Tidball and Miss Westcott will remain at Chicago for over the week end before returning to their studies at the university.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

## MRS. STOEHR IMPROVING

From Tuesday's Daily—  
The many friends of Mrs. Adam Stoehr will be pleased to learn that this estimable lady is now showing a very pleasing improvement in the condition of her health over the past few weeks and she is now able to be up a part of the time altho still far from well and her condition will require some time for her to recuperate from the effects of her illness. Mrs. Stoehr was recently operated on at the hospital in Omaha and had a very serious time of it for several weeks and after her return home here had a relapse that made her condition very grave for some time but she is now doing very nicely.

## Jury Term of District Court Starts Its Grind

### State of Nebraska vs. Josh Hammond Is First Case Called for Trial.

From Monday's Daily—  
This morning the jury term of the district court opened and the members of the petit jury panel were all present when the court was convened by Judge James T. Begley at 10 o'clock.

The first case called for trial at the term was that of the State of Nebraska vs. Josh Hammond, who was charged on a complaint with Ray Denham of taking hogs from the Hayward ranch near Cullom. This case has been battled forth in the lower courts the defendants being released on the first hearing held on the charge, but on the filing of a second complaint and trial before Justice court at Union the defendants were bound over to the district court for trial.

The morning was taken up with the examination of the jurors for service in the court and the opening statements of the state and defense in the case and it was well in the afternoon before the taking of testimony was started.

The defense in the case has never been offered in the preliminary hearings and a very large number was present at the opening of court to hear the full testimony in the case which will be offered by the defense as well as the state. It is expected that a large number of character witnesses will be called by the defense as Mr. Hammond is held in very high esteem in the community in which he resides and the friends will appear to give their testimony in his behalf.

Ray Denham who was one of the defendants named in the complaint will be summoned by the state to testify as to the incidents in the case and against the defendant Hammond.

## VERY HAPPY EVENT

From Monday's Daily—  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell was made very happy on Saturday afternoon by the arrival of a fine little son and heir who has come to share the joys and sorrows of the Campbell household. This is the first child in the family and the event has brought the greatest of happiness to the members of the family circle.

## Carl B. Hempel, Omaha Boy, is U. S. Radio Expert

### Nephew of Miss Teresa Hempel of This City Makes Good in This Field.

From Wednesday's Daily—  
Carl B. Hempel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hempel, who will be remembered by many of Omaha's amateur radio fans, is located at Washington, D. C. in the laboratory of the bureau of standards.

Mr. Hempel's first work was with a radio set he built in his parent's home in 1913, using a kitchen table and his mother's fruit jars covered with silver paper for batteries. Later, while president of the Omaha Amateur Radio club, he aided in assembling and had charge of R. B. Howell's radio telephone broadcasting station at Eighteenth and Farnham streets.

In 1921 he began to work for the government at the Omaha air mail field on Center street, where experiments were carried on with radio telephones. Later he was sent to Fort Crook and from there to Monmouth, Ill.

In 1923, two revolutionary inventions were being perfected to remove the dangers to air men, one of which is the radio beacon or compass which enables a pilot to fly through the thickest fog or the darkest night. The other is a radio altitude finder or altimeter, which keeps the flier a safe distance from the ground and the mountain tops. This experimental work was carried on at Monmouth for about a year when the equipment was moved to the Maywood (Ill.) flying field.

Last July, the radio division was placed under the Department of Commerce at Washington, D. C.

A towering lattice work is the main supporting structure for a triangular loop antenna from which double beam radio waves will be emitted in guiding aircraft navigation in the vicinity of College Park (Md.) aviation. This antenna system for the radio beacon was constructed by Francis Duncan and Carl Hempel of the radio laboratory of the bureau of standards.

## WANDERING BOY HEAD FROM

From Tuesday's Daily—  
For the past two days Paul Schwenker of this city has been missing from his home in the south part of the city and his going has occasioned a great deal of worry to his mother, Mrs. Bert Schwenker. The boy left home without any warning and the only trace of his destination was a chance remark to some friends that he was going to Oklahoma where there are relatives residing.

Hearing no word from the boy the alarm was sent out by the mother to nearby towns and the description of the boy was broadcast from the Omaha radio stations with the result that the boy was located at Auburn, this being the farthest that the wanderer had been able to get on his way southward. The boy wrote to the mother stating that he was ready to give up the wanderlust and wished to return home to this city.

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