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Files Suit to Have Deeds Set Aside by Court

James W. Sage Claims to Have Had Deeds Obtained From Him by Conspiracy

From Monday's Daily—
In the district court an action has been filed entitled James W. Sage vs. George O. Dovey and the Bankers' Speciality Co., a co-partnership composed of George O. Dovey and D. Walter Geiselman.

The cause of action asks that certain deeds made to the property of the plaintiff, James W. Sage, be declared void and that the title to the real estate of the plaintiff be quieted in him and to the exclusion of any deeds that may be offered to the property.

It is alleged by the plaintiff that on April 16, 1927, while the plaintiff was in ill health, conspiring to defraud the plaintiff and extorting money from the plaintiff, the defendants obtained from the plaintiff deeds to some or all of the real estate belonging to the plaintiff, representing that the plaintiff was signing another instrument, being a deed which the plaintiff now has in his possession.

That the defendants may dispose of the deed to the lands to some innocent party, the plaintiff asks that the title to all the real estate of the plaintiff may be quieted in him.

The plaintiff in the case is one of the wealthy land owners of this county and has for the past few years been retired from active work on account of ill health, and has been making his home with his family on the farm southwest of this city. The defendants are former bankers, Mr. Dovey having been cashier of the First National bank of this city and Mr. Geiselman formerly interested in a state bank at Omaha.

D. A. R. MEETS

From Monday's Daily—
The Fountelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a very interesting meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Livingston in the Coronado apartments and which was attended by a very pleasing number of the ladies.

As this was the last meeting of the year the reports of the officers were read and approved by the chapter and showed a great amount of activity on the part of the patriotic organization in the local and national patriotic movements.

The election of officers resulted in the naming of the following:
Regent—Mrs. L. O. Minor.
Vice-Regent—Mrs. T. B. Bates.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. B. Mann.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Caroline Baird.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. R. Gobelman.
Registrar—Mrs. E. H. Westcott.
Chaplain—Mrs. J. S. Livingston.

At the close of the business session the ladies enjoyed a social hour and were served by the hostess that aided in making the meeting one of the greatest pleasure.

HAS AUTO ACCIDENT

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday while motoring in Omaha Dr. Joe Stibal of this city suffered a small auto accident at 18th and Dodge streets, when the car that he was driving collided with the machine of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Baker, of 2437 Titus avenue, Omaha. The accident fortunately did not result in the injury of any of the parties and the cars were damaged to some extent.

The Baker car was coming south on 18th street while the car of Dr. Stibal was going west on Dodge street and the two cars came together at the intersection.

A group of men gathered at the scene of the accident and righted the Stibal car and the members of the two auto parties were fortunately uninjured although the accident was one that might easily have resulted fatally. Dr. Stibal was accompanied by Miss Freda Klinger of this city and the Plattsmouth people returned home feeling that the accident had been one that was most fortunate in that there had been no serious injuries sustained.

ENJOY VISIT HERE

From Monday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Barr was the scene of a very pleasant gathering of friends and relatives yesterday and which was one that fully appreciated the delightful hospitality of the Barr home and the pleasant May weather that prevailed.

Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Homan, Miss Nellie Cotner, Miss Mildred Carlson, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Carey and daughter, Marjorie Ann of Omaha, Mrs. J. B. Higley and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elledge of Council Bluffs, Glenn Allen of Havelock, Leo Spitznagel of Grover Elledge and son, Walter and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elledge of this city.

VISITS BELLEVUE COLLEGE

From Monday's Daily—
Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan motored to Bellevue where they attended the dramatic exercises of the Christian Workers college, the Presbyterian school at that place. The services were in charge of Rev. Charles A. Mitchell, former graduate of the school and one of the leading ministers of the church. Rev. Mitchell gave the scenic extra lessons from the original Greek translation of the testament. The certificates to the three graduates of the school were presented by C. M. Wilhelm of Omaha, president of the board of control of the institution.

After the graduation Mr. and Mrs. Morgan spent the remainder of the day at the home of Mrs. Anna Miller, aunt of Mrs. Morgan.

J. P. Falter's Office Looted by a Sneak Thief

During Absence of Owner Safe Is Opened and some \$40 in Money and Valuable Papers Taken.

From Monday's Daily—
The real estate office of J. P. Falter in the Bekin building was entered by some sneak thief late Saturday afternoon and who made away with some \$40 in money as well as valuable papers taken from the office safe.

The office of Mr. Falter is situated on the second floor of the building and where he cares for his real estate work as well as the business of the Bekin company and the Coronado apartments and he has a great many calls during the day and for this reason leaves his office open the greater part of the time.

Being called out of the office a few moments Saturday afternoon Mr. Falter was startled when he returned to find that the safe in the office had been opened. The first door of the safe had been left unlocked by the owner and the parties who had visited the office had taken a pry of some kind and forced the inner door that gave access to the money drawer of the safe where there was some \$40 in money and a check and also a number of valuable papers taken.

As soon as the robbery was reported to the police and sheriff an investigation was started and the investigation over the city for places where the parties might attempt to pass the checks that had been taken.

There was no definite information ascertained as to the identity of the party or parties pulling off the stunt and the stolen money and papers are still missing from the scene with the authorities still working on the case in the hope of obtaining some clue that will lead to the apprehension of the guilty parties.

EXPECTS TO VISIT EUROPE

From Tuesday's Daily—
In the force of members of the American Legion who will visit the old world the coming summer there will be representations from practically all of the towns of the country and in these Plattsmouth will have at least one representative, as George Conis, the proprietor of the Palace Shining parlor has announced his intention of making the trip across the water, returning as an American citizen over the route that he came thirteen years ago as a poor emigrant lad, fresh from the southern part of Greece. Mr. Conis served in the United States army during the world war, being one of the Cass county men in service and was made a full fledged citizen of the United States and by his service and responsibilities of citizenship that he has observed, George feels that he is a full 100 per cent citizen and will visit Europe as an American sight-seer. After the convention at Paris Mr. Conis expects to pay a hurried visit to Santa Moro, the old home of the Conis family tucked away in the hills of a little island on the west coast of Greece, not far from the island of Corfu, one of the most famous resort places of the old world.

RETURNS FROM WEST

From Wednesday's Daily—
Mrs. J. C. Ellington is home after a month's visit at Scottsbluff where she was the guest of her sister and also with her many friends in that portion of the state. Mrs. Ellington tells of the very wet weather that was general during all of her stay in the west, as she arrived during a snow storm and left during a heavy rain. Plattsmouth looked good to her when she arrived home.

NEW DAUGHTER ARRIVES

From Tuesday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Birgin is one of the happiest in the city as the result of a visit of the stork to them on Saturday evening and who left in their care a fine little daughter. The mother and little one are doing nicely and the father is one of the happiest and proudest men in the city.

Advertise your wants in the Want

Charivari Party Has Day in Court as Result of Fun

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Cummins Visit Their Home for Festivities and Run Amok

From Wednesday's Daily—
This morning Judge William Weber when he arrived at the city temple of justice was greeted by an audience that filled the council chamber to its capacity and representing the beauty and chivalry of the city with members of the professional lines of the city down to the school boys—all on account of the wedding of Norris Cummins.

The large delegation was the result of a charivari party that last evening visited the Cummins home and with the bride and groom staged a joy ride over the city. Hardly had the notes of the wedding march died away when the "Prisoner's Song" arose on the air when the party arrived in the main section of the city and ran into the representatives of the law.

The party with the exception of the bride couple had been provided with means of noise making and which they exercised to the fullest extent and as the party proceeded down the main drag there was explosions not unlike the roar of the great guns of the world war fame and which led to the disaster of the party.

The members of the festive party had tarried at the Morgan Sweet Shop for a few refreshments and here the names of the party were taken and they were notified that they should appear at the police court and explain to the court the why and wherefore of the affair.

This morning when the court opened the building was well filled and it was with difficulty that the press could secure entrance without having to mingle with the prisoners and great surprise was found in the large number that had been engaged in the post-nuptial celebration.

The case was explained to the court by City Attorney J. A. Capwell, who as well as the general court had probably had experience in parties of this kind in their youth and as there was no evidence of any more dangerous kind being fired than firecrackers the court decided to allow the parties to go their way with the warning that marriages must be celebrated in the future with less noisy demonstrations.

The only loser in the affair was the bridegroom who was penalized by the party for the "drinks."

Class Play on Friday Evening at the Parmele

"Applesauce" Will Be the Offering of the Young People—A Comedy Drama.

From Wednesday's Daily—
On Friday evening at the Parmele theatre the senior class of the Plattsmouth high school are offering their class play, which this year will be the clever comedy drama, "Applesauce," a real feature production and in the hands of the very capable cast of the young people will make a more than usually pleasing part of the closing features of the school year.

The members of the cast have been directed by Miss Delores Bosse, member of the high school faculty and who has had a great deal of success in her part of the teaching program of the year and the class play will be her last participation in the school year.

The cast of "Applesauce" will comprise a number of the seniors who have devoted a great deal of time and study to the dramatics and who will prove most capable in the roles in which they have been cast. The members of the class participating are Emily Stava, Henry Koukal, Ruth Sittman, Sylvia Noble, Raphael Janda, Roland Thomas, John Nelson.

The offering will be in three acts and the advance sale of the show will start at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon and the office will remain open until 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Wednesday's Daily—
A. B. Smith, well known builder and contractor of this city, who has been at the hospital for several weeks taking treatment, has so far recovered that he has been able to return home and is now doing very nicely and with the brightest of hopes for his speedy recovery from his general breakdown. Mr. Smith has to spend part of the time in bed yet but is doing so well that it has encouraged the family and friends that he may soon be able to be around as of old.

Call at the Bates Book and Gift Shop Annex and enroll in the free classes that are learning the popular decorative art work as applied to lamp shades and screens. You can make good money making these articles for others. Free instruction.

LEARNS OF BROTHER'S DEATH

From Monday's Daily—
H. T. Batten of this city received the sad news Saturday afternoon of the death and burial of his brother, William G. Batten, whose death occurred on May 9th at the family home at New Martindale, West Virginia, in the old home of the Batten family. The funeral services were held there on last Thursday, the message informed Mr. Batten.

The deceased brother was fifty-eight years of age and has been in poor health since the death of his wife seven months ago and gradually grew worse until death came to his relief. He is survived by a son residing at New Martindale and also four brothers, H. T., of this city, Lynn of Denver and John and George Batten, residing in West Virginia. Four sisters also are left to mourn his passing, all living in West Virginia.

Commencement Exercises on Next Friday, May 27

Prof. Frederick Fling of the University of Nebraska to Be the Class Orator.

From Wednesday's Daily—
The commencement exercises of the Plattsmouth high school will be held on Friday evening, May 27th, at the high school auditorium and will mark the close of the high school career of the sixty-three young men and women of the class, seventeen of whom are boys and forty-six girls. The class will have as their speaker one of the most notable educators of the world war and who was one consulted by President Wilson on many of the points involved in the settlement of the peace treaty. The address of Prof. Fling will be one of the most notable that has been offered in this city in many years.

The selections have been made of the class representatives and George Swatek, one of the most brilliant students of the school has won the right to be the class valedictorian and is the only boy to land in the list of honor students while Treva Edgerton will deliver the salutatory, being the second in rank of the students of the school.

Others in their rank in the scholarship awards are: Kathleen Troop, Emily Stava, Gretchen Steger, Dora Soennichsen, Alice Marquette and Dorothy Wehrlein.

The present graduating class is the largest that has ever passed from the local high school and represents the growing desire of the young people to complete their school work and be given their degrees that will be of great value to them in their struggles with the world.

District Clerk's Office Has Rush of Litigation

Many Suits Covering Collection of Notes and Actions Against Loan Association Filed.

From Monday's Daily—
The office of the clerk of the district court was a very busy place today with a large number of cases being filed and covering a wide range of litigation.

The Livingston Loan & Building association was made defendant in two actions filed, one by Ed S. Tutt of Murray and one by Anton J. Tomann of this city in which the plaintiffs ask judgment for the sum of \$1,000 each against the defunct building and loan association, representing the value of the capital stock of the association held by the plaintiffs.

Action was also filed by Oliver C. Dovey against Myrtle I. Gillespie and others for collection of \$2,000, alleged to be due the plaintiff on a note. The second action filed by Mr. Dovey was against Alma Yardley, et al in which collection of a note for \$2,500 was asked. This note had been purchased by the plaintiff it was alleged in the petition and for which he asks payment.

SEARCHING FOR SPEEDERS

From Tuesday's Daily—
The travelers of the K. of T. highway from this city to Omaha through Sarpy county have had a lively time the past two evenings as the speed cop maintained over in our neighboring county has been operating in and near La Platte and descended on some of the local speed kings who love to make the country roadside burn with the speed of their cars whether the humble Ford or the Pierce-Arrow.

The motorcycle cop was an unexpected visitor in the eastern part of Sarpy county although he has been arousing some considerable comment in the vicinity of Gretna and the western part of that county and when he suddenly burst on the unsuspecting drivers of the gasoline wagons he had a wide range of persons on whom to pick as this highway has been free from interference with any speed regulations and where the only bar has been the ability to "step on the gas." The Sarpy motorcycle cop is a free lance and is liable to be found on any of their highways so the speed fiend has a fine chance of being gathered in when traveling on the highways there if they attempt to attain great speed.

River Starts Receding from Two Day Flood

Water Still Covers Much of Bottom Land but Stream is Falling Quite Fast Now.

From Monday's Daily—
The Missouri river which has been giving the residents of the valley district a small imitation of the greater flood of the Mississippi, has decided to again be good and the rise of the waters has passed the crest and on Sunday the fall was started that should in a few days bring the mighty stream back within its banks.

The river has shown a little over a three foot raise here and which on Saturday afternoon brought the crest of the flood to this point, the water rushing in a vast volume down through the bottom lands east of this city and leaving only the ball park and the farm of John Cory out of the reach of the water.

The river started to overflowing at the mouth of the Platte river north-west of the city and covered the government rifle range to the depth of four feet and spread southward to the east of the pumping station of the Plattsmouth Water Co., and then on south through the farms of T. H. Pollock and A. G. Bach. The water surrounding the Pollock farm home caused the tenant, George Scott to hurriedly have his poultry moved to the loft of the barn where they perched while the waters rolled on and soon made entrance to the barn. The water however did not get into the house, altho it lack but very few inches. The Bach farm residence was also saved from water reaching a height sufficient to penetrate into the house and the water at this point did not reach the height of a few years ago.

The overflowing of the old first channel east of the Bach place where a road had been built across the channel and checked the flow of the water, caused the water to sweep over the highway leading to the ferry.

The damage here will be small unless the river repeats the flood in the June raise.

The great raise of the river at Omaha and Council Bluffs caused a great many homes on the Nebraska side of the river in Omaha to be under water and the swollen river was the object of interest to thousands of visitors Sunday, who have not often had the opportunity of viewing such a great body of water.

The river south of Council Bluffs spread over a wide area there and extended to Lake Manawa and covered many very fine farms in that locality.

Rotary Club Holds Evening Dinner Meet

Form Meeting Held and Club Has Large Attendance; New Members Are Received.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the members of the Plattsmouth Rotary club were entertained at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church and with a very large number of the membership in attendance at the meeting.

The club received three new members at the meeting, Frank M. Bestor, Frank A. Clويد and E. A. Wurl being added to the membership of this splendid civic organization.

The club discussed the manner in which Rotary could be applied locally in the work of the chamber of commerce and the Boy Scouts and in which the members enjoyed some little time.

LOCATES AT LOCAL GARAGE

From Tuesday's Daily—
Henry Kaufmann, expert auto mechanic, who was for several years employed in the local garage of John F. Wolf, and who later has been engaged in this line of work in Iowa, has returned to this city and will again be ready to serve the public in the way of auto repairing. Mr. Kaufmann will be located at the Anderson Brothers Auto Co., on lower Main street, in the building just west of the Egenberger grocery store and where the public may find him ready to serve their needs in the way of auto repairing. Mr. Kaufmann has made a splendid reputation in this line of work in this line of work in the city and surrounding territory and the friends will be pleased to learn that he is once more a resident of this city and back in his old line of work. The Anderson Bros. will do general auto work and special Buick repairs.

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BIG EQUITY DOCKET

The equity docket for the May term of the district court is one of the largest in years, 122 cases being on the docket for the term. The following cases have been set for trial at the court in the next few weeks:
Fred Peoples vs. Anna M. Peoples, May 18.
Sarah J. Bogenreit vs. E. H. A. Bogenreit, May 23rd.
F. F. Batters vs. The City of Plattsmouth, May 24th.
Lemon vs. Lemon, May 20th.
First National Bank vs. Fitzgerald, May 22.
Scott vs. Scott, May 24th.
First National Bank vs. Jean, May 23rd.
W. P. Hutchison vs. A. T. Campbell, May 19th.
Duffield vs. Duffield, May 24th.
Long vs. Armstrong, May 21st.

Plattsmouth Young People Wed in Iowa

Miss Lorene Ault of Cedar Creek and Norris Cummins of This City Married Sunday.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The marriage of two of the well known young people of this community occurred on Sunday at Missouri Valley, Iowa, when Miss Lorene Ault of Cedar Creek and Norris Cummins joined their lives and hearts, the ceremony being performed at the home of Rev. J. F. Arnold, pastor of the First Methodist church of that city.

The wedding was a complete surprise to the many friends of the happy young people, as the bride couple had quietly left early Sunday and gave no intimation of the fact that they were to return as man and wife and the fact of the marriage was not made public until yesterday when the young people returned to Omaha and came on to this city last evening.

Both of the contracting parties have grown to manhood and womanhood in this community and are numbered among the most highly esteemed and popular of the younger residents of the city.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ault of Cedar Creek where she has been brought up and later was educated at the Plattsmouth schools, a member of the graduating class of 1926 of the local schools.

The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cummins and is one of the young business men of the community, being engaged in the photograph business here at which he has been more than successful. With his bride Mr. Cummins was a member of the class of 1926 of the local school and has since then devoted his school work been devoted to his business in this city.

The many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Cummins will make their future home in this city and on their new happiness will have the heartiest well wishes of the many friends for years of happiness and success.

MARRIED IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

From Wednesday's Daily—
Many friends in this city of Floyd Elliott, former Plattsmouth young man who is now residing in Omaha, will be interested in learning of the marriage of this young man which occurred on Monday afternoon at the office of the county judge at Council Bluffs. The bride was formerly Miss Elizabeth Hickling of Omaha. The young people quietly journeyed to Iowa in the morning and were united in marriage and returned to their home in the metropolis where they received the congratulations of their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott will continue to make their home on the south side where they will be at home to their friends in the future.

The groom is the son of Jess Elliott, superintendent of the county farm and was born and reared in this city but has made his home in Omaha for the past five years.

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Woman's Club Holds Banquet Last Evening

Large Number Are Present at Occasion Held at First Presbyterian Church.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Last evening at the parlors of the First Presbyterian church was held the annual banquet of the Plattsmouth Women's club and it was one of the most delightful occasions that this live and active community organization has offered.

On this occasion the ladies had prepared to accommodate a number of the public not affiliated with the club work as well as the husbands of the members and who enjoyed the event fully as much as the ladies.

Those who attended the event came away filled with the realization that in this line of entertainment the gentlemen had nothing on their ladies in the way of arranging and carrying out a real snappy and pleasing banquet.

The parlors had been arranged with a profusion of the white spruce and which with the purple candles on the table made a very handsome setting for the event and one that all of the members of the banquet party appreciated to the utmost.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church who prepared and served the banquet, as is their custom scored a distinct success in their part of the evening and gave the members of the banquet party a real feast. The menu was as follows:

- Grape Ice
- Chicken Croquettes
- Duchess Potatoes
- Asparagus on Rosettes
- Spring Salad
- Hot Rolls
- Conserva
- Kiss Pudding
- Coffee

As the banquet was being served the ladies enjoyed a group of songs between each of the courses that were cleverly arranged and brought a great deal of pleasure to the members of the banquet party. Mrs. R. W. Knorr presiding at the piano and Mrs. E. H. Westcott, state chairman of the N. P. W. C. music department leading the singing.

The members of the club and their guests came to the banquet hall the professional was played by Mrs. Robert Walling and who also gave one of her charming piano numbers during the course of the program, "Columbine" by De Lahaey over by Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, president of the local club and who in her pleasant and cordial manner extended the welcome of the Plattsmouth club ladies to their guests and her part of the program served as a delightful opening of the evening host.

The response was made by Judge James T. Begley, representing the gentlemen present, and whose remarks were along the lines of civic pride in which the ladies of the city had a great part in stimulating and assisting in the growth of the city by their efforts through organization to attain a high goal of civic standard.

Mrs. Robert Reed, one of the best known musicians of the city was heard in a most charming piano number, "Polichinelle" by Rachmaninoff.

The various officers of the club gave their reports for the past year and Mrs. William Woodcut gave a resume of the activities and work accomplished by the club in the past year and in which all the ladies have felt a real pride.

Mrs. James T. Begley, who has been one of the active leaders in the club work, gave the members of the banquet party a wonderful vocal number, "April, My April" by Milligan.

The main address of the evening was given by Mrs. Will Minier of Oakland, one of the most active leaders of the women movement in the west and whose address was a real inspiration to the club members and a revelation to the guests of the forceful leader of the club work in the state. Mrs. Minier had the work of the general state and local federations as her topic and divided the address into three parts, first, the study program for the national and state federations. Second, the medium or community activities by the co-operating with the other organizations, and third the realization of a higher community standard through the influence of a clean and definite program and through the efforts of the united women of the community.

At the close of the address the newly elected officers of the local club were installed, they being Mrs. L. L. Turpin, president; Mrs. Earl Teppels, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Lugsch, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry Soennichsen, recording secretary; Mrs. W. L. Heinrich, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Troop and Mrs. Roy Knorr, auditors.

Mrs. James T. Begley, chairman of the courtesy committee of the local club made presentation to Mrs. Minier, the guest of honor and Mrs. Allen J. Beeson, retiring president, beautiful corsage bouquets as a token of the esteem and appreciation of the Plattsmouth ladies.