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James Topp Is Given Release by Commission

Find After Long Day of Trial That the Man Is Not Mentally Unbalanced.

From Thursday's Daily—
The long drawn out struggle that was waged all day yesterday in the hearing of the insanity complaint made against James Topp, middle-aged farm hand of near Murray, terminated late yesterday afternoon when the insanity commission decided that Mr. Topp was not insane and released him from the custody of Sheriff Bert Reed, who has had him in charge for the past few days.

The case was one that drew the greatest of attention from the neighborhood south and west of Murray and between that place and Nehawka and the residents of that locality who were not witnesses on one of the sides in the case were present as spectators.

Mr. Topp, who has been residing in the locality between Murray and Nehawka for some months, has been "hacking" in a small house and working for Frank Schlichtemeier and parties residing in that neighborhood were those who filed the complaint against the man as to his sanity. It was claimed that Topp had been disturbing the residents along the highway with his loud talking to himself and swearing as well as being neglectful of his person and which formed the basis of the charges made that his mental condition was not what it should be. A large number of the residents testified to various actions of Mr. Topp but which seemed rather eccentricity of a person who had led a secluded and solitary life.

The employers of Mr. Topp and a number of the persons who had been familiar with him during the time of his residence in this present home gave testimony in his behalf and battled very strongly to keep him from being adjudged insane.

After the completion of the testimony yesterday afternoon, the commission composed of Attorney C. E. Rawls, Dr. J. S. Livingston and C. E. Ledgeway, deputy clerk of the district court, took up the personal examination of the man who was on trial and from their own observations of the man and questioning they arrived at the decision that he was entitled to his liberty.

Mr. Topp was arrested several weeks ago charged with having threatened several parties residing in that section of the county where he lives, but on the trial of the case in the county court the action was dismissed for the lack of evidence that he had made the threats.

It was the report at the court house that the present action will be followed later by damage suits by Mr. Topp against the residents in his home locality, the outgrowth of the neighborhood trouble that seems to be of several months standing.

GIVE A FINE SOCIAL

From Thursday's Daily—
The members of the altar society of the St. John's church gave a very delightful social and which proved a most pleasant occasion for the large number that took advantage of the event to enjoy the fine features that had been prepared for them.

During the course of the evening several very highly entertaining numbers were presented. George Stall, violin and Francis Stall, piano, presenting a very clever number "The Train," while the sailor's hornpipe offered by Misses Aurelia and Ingeberg Reichstadt and Anna May Sandlin, which was very cleverly presented.

In the musical portion of the program Emily Lorenz and Nadine Cloidt were each heard in piano solos and John Beesing and Mr. Connors of Omaha in piano and violin numbers added to the pleasantness of the program. A violin trio composed of George Stall, Margaret Bergman and Robert Rea with Miss Constance Rea at the piano and which reflected the greatest credit on the young people.

Miss Anna May Sandlin gave a very artistic reading that formed a fine feature of the evening.

The dancing number presented by Aurelia and Ingeberg Reichstadt was another of the most delightful features of the evening.

The ladies of the society served sandwiches, ice cream, coffee cake and coffee during the course of the afternoon and evening and which all of the large number present appreciated to the utmost.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily—
Ernest Seitz son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Seitz of this city, was brought home last evening from the hospital at Omaha, where he had been taking treatment for Corea, caused from infected tonsils, the last seven weeks. He is very much improved and it was thought best by the physicians that he come home and rest up a bit before having his tonsils removed and it is hoped by his parents and many friends that this will speed his recovery.

FIXING SCHOOL GROUNDS

From Thursday's Daily—
The grounds of the Wintersteen hill school are being placed in the best of shape for the fall and winter season and the grading that has been done there by the city has added very much to the appearance of the surroundings of the building and the board of education is planning the construction of a small wall or other means of preventing the dirt from washing down onto the walk leading to the school building. The Wintersteen Hill school has a strong and very active Parent-Teachers association and who are taking a great pride in keeping up the general appearance of the surroundings of the school.

Eagles Band Gives Last Concert of Season

Municipal Concerts Close With Fine Attendance Despite Threat of Rain.

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening the Eagles band presented the last concert of the summer season, which concerts had been made possible through the sponsoring of the move by the city and which gave a very delightful series of entertainment for the residents of this locality.

This was the last official concert of the season, the members of the Eagles band are planning to give two complimentary concerts before the coming of the cold weather, one being presented at the Nebraska Masonic Home in compliment to the aged residents of that place and the other concert will probably be presented at Garfield park, but the details of these two concerts will be worked out later by the band and Director W. R. Holly.

There is no form of entertainment that is more pleasing than the band concerts and their popularity with young and old alike has been shown in the large crowds that have been in attendance at all of the concerts that have covered some fourteen weeks and have made very pleasant events. This year there was not a single one of the concerts postponed on account of bad weather conditions and each Wednesday evening there has been real entertainment offered the residents here and the visitors to the city.

While the concerts are closed there has been a very worthy suggestion offered that there be some form of free weekly entertainment offered on each Wednesday here during the fall and winter season and which with the wealth of musical and other talent in the city could be very easily arranged and held in the Legion community building that will accommodate a very large crowd.

HERE FROM CHICAGO

From Thursday's Daily—
Mason Wescott, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wescott of this city, is here to enjoy a two weeks stay here with the home folks and taking a well deserved rest from his winter and summer course of teaching and school work at the Northwestern university where he was graduated the past year and has since been a member of the faculty of the school. Mr. Wescott has carried on a great deal of work this summer at the summer school held at the university and which was attended by several hundred who were completing their special courses of study.

After the visit here Mr. Wescott will return to Northwestern to prepare for the fall term of the university that will open in the latter part of September and on his return to Chicago he will be accompanied by his sister, Miss Alice Louise, who is a student at Northwestern and has been here for the summer vacation.

VISITING HOME FOLKS

From Thursday's Daily—
Frank Jean, well known educator of the west, who is now making his home at Greeley, Colorado, is here for a short visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jean near this city and enjoying a short vacation from his school work. Mr. Jean is one of the best known school men of Colorado and has had several of the textbooks of which he is the author adopted by the leading universities of the country. The visit of Mr. Jean has been the source of a great deal of pleasure to the parents and many old friends in this locality and who are much pleased to have the distinguished educator here if even for a brief day.

FINE LITTLE DAUGHTER

From Thursday's Daily—
The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamphere very happy over the fact that a fine eight and a half pound daughter has arrived at their home to reside, the little lady making her appearance on Wednesday morning and with the mother is doing nicely and the occasion has been one of the greatest happiness to the proud father.

Farmers State Bank Building Now Completed

Reconstruction Gives One of Handsomest Banking Houses in This Part of State.

From Saturday's Daily—
The program of building reconstruction that has been in progress at the Farmers State bank in this city for a period of several weeks, is now practically completed and the formal opening of the bank building for the inspection of the public will be held in the coming week, probably on Wednesday.

The building has been rebuilt and is now one of the most attractive banking houses in the state and with beauty and convenience in the finishing and equipment of the structure.

The exterior which is finished in white stone is one that attracts the eye of every one and makes the structure stand out as one of the handsomest in the business part of the city. The soft white stone has been set out by the soft yellow trimming and windows of of prism glass that gives light into the main portion of the banking room while the large heavy plate glass window that makes the front of the main room a place of lightness and comfort. Large and heavy brass doors lead from the street into the banking house and are a real touch of artistic finishing to the exterior of the building and set in a framework of black grill work they are very distinctive in appearance.

The interior of the bank has been changed a great deal in the program of renovation, the banking room enlarged and giving more space for the clerks while the main lobby is arranged for the rest and comfort of the patrons.

The wood work of the interior is all in the plain walnut which is a rich and simple setting for the many attractive decorative features of the newly arranged bank, the wall desks for the customers, the partitions and light cream which in the walnut and the private office and consulting room of the bank being also finished in this kind of wood.

The ceiling of the entire building is finished by F. R. Gobelman, the painter and decorator in tones of light cream which with the splendid lighting facilities make the room always attractive and light. The side walls of the main room are finished to a height of six feet with a canestone decoration of deep cream and yellow and which is one of the most beautiful features of the room. Along the base of the side walls as well as the partitions of the room is a baseboard of marble.

As one enters the bank they find to the right of the entrance the railroad office of Mr. T. H. Pollock, president of the bank and which is finished in the walnut fittings, with window drapes of rich cream at the top of the large window and dark blue velvet curtains with brass holders at the lower part of the window.

From the office of Mr. Pollock one enters a small consultation room where wood and glass partitions separate the room from the office and also from the main banking room and with comfortable cushioned seats and table makes an ideal place to transact any confidential business matters.

The banking room where the affairs of the bank are handled, is made a great deal larger and gives more comfort and better working facilities to the working force of the bank.

Going straight to the rear of the main room one reaches the vault of the building devoted to the safety deposit boxes of the bank and here is provided a small well equipped room where the patrons of this department may transact their business with comfort and privacy and with tables and chairs provided for their ease and comfort while they may be checking over and handling the contents of their safe deposit boxes.

The safe deposit vault is as strong and formidable as any that can be found in any bank and huge walls of solid concrete and steel provide for safety from fire or burglary. In the rear of the vault a large mirror is arranged and which adds to the lightness of the vault.

To the right of the customers room is a small room at the north portion of the work room which can be used as the directors room of the bank and which will be well equipped for the comfort and ease of the officers of the bank when they meet to look after their affairs. From this room opens the vault of the bank itself where are stored the safes for the currency and other valuables that belong to the bank. This vault is the very last word in safety and protection and is well lighted and arranged for the efficient care of the bank property from theft and loss.

ing of the main room and the new fortress like vaults built to serve the bank and the owners of the safe deposit boxes.

The safety of the bank is not dependent entirely on the strength of the vaults as one of the most modern burglar alarm systems in the country is being installed in the bank and which will offer every safeguard against the attacks of robbers either in day or night. The O. B. McClintock Burglar alarm system is that being installed and which is so arranged that the slightest attempt to force entrance to the bank building or the vaults will set off the alarm which is located on the roof of the building. The alarm system operates on sound waves and is so delicately adjusted that a blow on the door of the vault or the slightest attempt to drill into the steel of the vault doors with drills or torches will at once set off the alarm.

The O. B. McClintock company has one of the most modern methods of burglar alarm and which operates the sound wave system, one of the most delicately adjusted and sensitive to any attempt to enter places protected by the system. In each of the vaults are placed sound receivers and which are so adjusted that even the conversation of the human voice in the vaults is recorded by the Reot mechanism of the four inch receiver. The doors of the vaults are arranged with many means of creating the alarm and when the system is on there is no possible chance of getting in to the vault or even attempting to open the doors or drill into the wall without setting off the alarm throughout the bank and placed daylight alarms that will aid in setting the alarm in case of a hold-up and which can be tripped without the knowledge of anyone attempting a holdup.

In addition to the burglar alarm there has been placed at the front of the bank room a huge flood light that makes every corner of the bank as light as day when it is turned on and which is also a protection against night raids by burglars.

The burglar alarm has been installed by O. Halden, expert electrician of the McClintock Co.

Death of Mrs. Laura Porter at Seaside, Ore.

Former Well Known Resident Here Passed Away Yesterday—Funeral Here on Monday.

From Friday's Daily—
Mrs. Laura Porter, former resident of this city, who has been in very poor health for several months at her home at Seaside, Oregon, passed away yesterday at that place, messengers received here this morning state.

Several days ago word was received of the very serious condition of Mrs. Porter and giving but little hopes of her recovery and the news of her death was not wholly unexpected by the relatives and old time friends.

The Porter family were residents here for a great many years and it was here that Mr. Porter died some ten years ago and the wife and youngest daughter, moved seven years ago to Oregon where they have since made their home at Seaside.

There is left to survive this splendid lady, five children, Mrs. Bertha Smith of Seaside, Miss Myrta Porter of Denver, Ernest Porter of this city, George Porter of Kansas City and Mrs. Gertrude Ralston, of Seaside.

The family are leaving Seaside today with the body of the mother and the funeral services will be held here on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sager funeral home at 4th and Vine street. Mrs. Porter was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and the funeral services will be conducted by Rev. H. E. Sortor of the First Methodist church of this city. The interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery where Mr. Porter is buried.

BOUND OVER TO DISTRICT COURT

From Friday's Daily—
This afternoon the hearing on the complaint filed against Charles Hixon of this city, charging him with sale and possession of intoxicating liquor was staged in the county court. Mr. Hixon had entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of selling although denying the possession charge. The evidence of the man who had bought the liquor from Hixon, "Bohemian Joe," was taken, he testifying to having bought two pints of hooch and paying Hixon \$3.50 for the liquor. The alcoholic content of the hooch was testified to by State Chemist Cramer. Mr. Hixon was represented by counsel at the hearing but entered a denial of the testimony of the evidence man.

After the hearing Judge A. H. Duxbury bound Mr. Hixon over to the district court for trial at the November term and placed his bond at \$1,000, in failure to supply which he was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Reed.

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Wiles-Schneider Wedding is Held at Bride's Home

Well Known Young People of City Married at the Home of the Parents of the Bride.

From Friday's Daily—
The marriage of Miss Kermit Wiles, of this city and Mr. Carl Schneider of Minutaria, Nebraska, was solemnized Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wiles just south of this city.

The Wiles home was very charmingly arranged for the wedding ceremony, the living room of the home being quite elaborately arranged in the fall flowers.

In the living room a large floral altar was arranged with ferns and the beautiful golden hued fall flowers draped in tulle with a background of tapering white streamers formed the background for the impressive service.

The ceremony was witnessed by some forty guests, relatives and close personal friends of the contracting parties.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Everett Janney of Omaha, sang "At Dawning," by Cadman, the accompaniment being played by Mrs. Roy O. Cole, who as the last notes of the song closed, played the beautiful and impressive bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" and to which the bride party entered the living room.

The bride was gowned in white satin trimmed with rhinestones, with white satin shoes. Her embroidered veil was held by a bandeau of orange blossoms made high in the back and which made a very striking part of the costume.

Descending the stairway and preceding the bride came the tiny flower girls, little Jacqueline Wetenkamp and Peggy Jane Wiles, nieces of the bride, frocked in yellow and white tulle. They carried small white baskets filled with yellow flowers.

Miss Eubelyn Wiles, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Her frock was of two tone yellow taffeta. Miss Wiles carried Opheia roses.

Mr. Arthur Baumberger of Hastings, attended the bridegroom.

As the wedding party took their station before the beautiful floral altar the impressive ring service was celebrated by the Rev. Harry G. McClusky, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

After the wedding a short reception was held in honor of the happy young people and they showered with well wishes from the members of the wedding party. Delightful refreshments were served in the dining room of the home by Miss Helen Wiles, Mrs. Glenn Wetenkamp, Miss Susan Mary Tryon of Arnold, Nebraska and Miss Kathleen Troop. Mrs. Harley Wiles presided at the serving table which was centered with a basket of the yellow fall flowers.

Miss Ella Margaret Wiles, sister of the bride, was in charge of the gift room.

The bride's going away costume was a blue ensemble suit with a gold embroidered hat to match.

After a wedding trip to Yellowstone Park where they will spend two weeks Mr. and Mrs. Schneider will make their home at Minutaria, Nebraska.

The out of town guests for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hare and Miss Susan Mary Tryon of Arnold, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Royce and Miss Marie Boyd of Lincoln, Miss Helen Todd and Mrs. Roy Jarvis of Murray, Leonard Conklin of Minutaria, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Drees, of Des Moines and Arthur Baumberger of Hastings.

Both of the young people have been very prominent in the community where the bride was born and reared and where the groom has grown to manhood's estate, and they are very popular with a large circle of warm friends who are most sincerely showing them with the best wishes for many years of happiness and success.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wiles and since completing her school work here has been engaged in teaching in the state and has been very successful in her work.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Schneider and is a graduate of the Plattsmouth schools and Hastings college, and after his graduation from Hastings college served as athletic coach in the schools at Broken Bow for the last season, but is now engaged in the banking business, being connected with one of the largest banks in the western part of the state at Minutaria.

HAS LEG IN CAST

From Friday's Daily—
Miss Martha Gorder, who has been having some trouble for the past several weeks with her knee as the result of a severe fall, is now at the home here and is compelled to have the injured member placed in a cast which she will have to wear for some three weeks in the hope that this treatment may strengthen the member and gain permit her to have full use of the knee. The course of treatment will make it necessary for the patient to remain inactive for several weeks at least.

ENTERTAIN AT TECUMSEH

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Propst were host and hostess to a number of friends on Wednesday at their home in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

Those who enjoyed the delightful luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Propst were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson, Mrs. C. E. Wilcox, C. S. Johnson of Plattsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin E. Greene, Jr., Mrs. William E. Propst of Lake Worth, Florida, Mrs. G. W. Cheney, Mrs. L. R. Upton, and Mrs. F. W. Robb of Union.

Bridge was enjoyed by the ladies during the afternoon, high score was made by Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Upton received the consolation.

Paving Contract Awarded to the Kerns Const. Co.

Omaha Contract Much Lower on Bid for the New Concrete Paving—Four Bidders.

From Friday's Daily—
Last evening was the date officially set by the city council to receive bids for the paving that is to be done this fall in some eight blocks in the residential section of the city, and a large number of representatives of the contractors submitting bids, material company representatives and others were present at the council chamber at 7:30 when the opening of the bids and their tabulation was carried out.

All of the councilmen with the exception of Councilman Shea of the fifth ward, were present at the meeting.

Bids were submitted by F. L. Busche, Omaha; the Modern Construction Co., of this city, the John Kerns Construction Co., of Omaha and Coleman and Pittman of this city.

After the reading of the bids it was moved that the matter of the awarding of the contract and the tabulation of the bids referred to the streets, alleys and bridges committee of the council, the city attorney and city engineer. Owing to the absence of Mr. Shea, a member of this committee, Councilman John Lutz was appointed by Mayor Johnson to act as a member of the committee in making the check of the bids.

The committee after tabulating the bids found that the lowest bid was that of the John Kerns Construction Co., of Omaha at \$17,158, the next lowest bid being that of F. L. Busche at \$18,434, and the committee recommended that the lowest bidder be awarded the contract and that the re-enforced concrete type of paving be adopted.

The contract was awarded by the unanimous vote of the councilmen and the mayor and city clerk authorized to enter into a contract for the work.

The districts to be paved are scattered over the city, South 9th street from Chicago avenue to Diamond street, Rock street from Chicago avenue to Eighth street, 16th street from Main to Pearl, 8th street from Main to Pearl, and Pearl street from Fourth to Sixth streets.

ENJOY SCOTCH SONGS

From Friday's Daily—
William Baird, superintendent of the local shops of the Burlington, who claims his ancestry from the land of the thistle and golf, is a great lover of the songs and customs of old Scotland and frequently when in a gathering of close friends and associates he will give the Scotch songs and in which he is a real entertainer. We are informed that at the Rotary dinner-dance on Tuesday evening Mr. Baird was induced to add to the pleasure of the evening with two of the jolly songs of old Scotland and which Sir Harry Lauder has made famous over the world. Mr. Baird in his clever manner was able to give the full Scottish accent to the songs and made them more appealing to the audience as a reminder of the great Scot songster and comedian. The contribution of Mr. Baird to the Rotary program will long be very pleasantly remembered and now that his cleverness in this line has been ascertained by his associates he can depend on more calls to assist in the programs in the future.

RETURNS FROM VISIT

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening Mrs. J. R. Vallery and daughters, Misses Louise and Grace Vallery and Mrs. Fovea Cunningham, returned home from a very pleasant visit in the southern part of this state and also in Oklahoma. Mrs. Vallery and daughters had driven from this city with Fred Will on his return to his home at Hennessey, Oklahoma, Mrs. Vallery stopping at Hubbell, Nebraska. For a visit there with her daughter, Mrs. Stretton, while the other daughters continued on to Hennessey for a visit and all returned home last evening.

Get your school supplies at the Bates Book and Stationery Store, where you will find the complete line at all times.

Special Course in Vitalized Instruction Going Nicely

Teachers of the County Are Much Interested in the Work of Weeks Training.

From Thursday's Daily—
The Short Course in Vitalized Agriculture is going strong. The alert, wide-awake teachers who are taking advantage of this work are putting in full time—from nine in the morning to nine or ten at night, with short intervals for rest and refreshments. Able instructors and enthusiastic students make a combination hard to be beaten.

The work this year is in charge of Prof. Burr, assisted by Mrs. Clark, Miss Imogene Woolf, Mr. Rothert of the city schools and Mrs. E. H. Westcott, Nebraska state chairman of music. Each of these is especially strong in his or her particular line. The schools of Cass county will reap the benefit thereof, through these teachers who will take to their schools not only visions but practical demonstrations of the same that will enable their pupils to reach out and grasp all of the studies in their curriculum with renewed interest and comprehension.

On Wednesday County Agent L. R. Snipes was an interested visitor who gave the teachers one of his inspiring talks.

Thursday is a pre-opening day institute for all of the rural teachers. At the high school will be addressed by Miss Chloe Baldrige, director of rural education at the state department, Supt. Bailey of the Plattsmouth schools and the regular daily instructors of the week. At the court house Miss Marie Kaufmann will take subscriptions for the various educational magazines. The teachers will also obtain their supplies for the year at the office of the county superintendent. The vitalized course will close Friday afternoon and the teachers will depart for their various schools which will open on Monday next.

Miss Peterson, the county superintendent, has been untrusting in her efforts to provide an intellectual feast for her teachers and feels that the Cass county schools are starting out this year under unusually favorable auspices.

YOUNG PEOPLE MARRIED

From Thursday's Daily—
Yesterday at the residence of Father Jerry Hancik, pastor of the Holy Rosary Catholic church, occurred the marriage of Miss Vida Gladys Larrick of Nehawka and Mr. Joseph B. Martis of Mynard. The wedding was a very quiet one and witnessed by a small party of the relatives of the contracting parties, the marriage service of the church being read by Father Hancik. The bridal couple were attended by Miss Anna Mthlis, sister of the groom as bridesmaid and Fred B. Toman as best man.

The bride's dress was white flat crepe with silk overlace, with long flowing veil and carried a shower bouquet of light pink roses.

Miss Martis, the bridesmaid wore a gown of Powder Blueorgette and carried an arm bouquet of the dark pink roses.

The groom and best man wore suits of dark blue serge.

At the home of the groom's parents a very fine wedding luncheon was served at the noon hour, the Martis home being very prettily arranged in a color scheme of blue and white and the bouquet of the assorted garden flowers.

The young people are well known in the localities where they have made their home and the bride has resided in the vicinity of Nehawka where she is known to a very large circle of warm friends who will learn with pleasure of her new happiness. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martis of this section of the county and is numbered among the energetic young farmers of this locality and where he is known and respected by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Mr. and Mrs. Martis will make their home for the present with the parents of the groom on the farm near Mynard and later expect to locate in their own home.

GO TO IMPERIAL

From Thursday's Daily—
Last evening at the close of the weekly concert of the Eagles band, W. R. Holly, director of the band, and Clarence E. Ledgeway, deputy clerk of the district court, departed for Imperial, Nebraska, in the auto of Mr. Holly and expect to spend some ten days or two weeks in the west part of the state and at Denver. Mr. Holly was located at Imperial for some time and has many friends there that he will have the opportunity of visiting and renewing the old friendships. The two young men drove as far as Hastings last night and will enjoy a short stop there and expect to arrive at Imperial sometime Friday.

Legal blanks of all kinds for sale at the Journal office.