

Kidnaped Youth is Back at Home; No Ransom Paid

Grandson of August Busch, St. Louis, Restored to His Relatives Unharmed

St. Louis—Adolphus Busch Orthwein, thirteen year old grandson of August A. Busch, president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., and great grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, who was kidnaped by a negro New Year's eve, was returned to his parents late Thursday unharmed.

Troll said the Busch family would stand by the agreement. "All I can say further is that the transaction to get back the child came through a connection made thirty years ago," Troll stated. He refused to say what the "connection" was.

Troll said he and a member of the family went to a designated spot in St. Louis county after the kidnaper had called by telephone in the afternoon. They found the boy standing at the roadside and took him to the country home of his grandfather, August Busch, at Grant farm, once occupied by the Civil war general.

"Here I am, and I am glad to be with you again," was the boy's greeting when rescued. Troll said. He was in good spirits, but tired, and apparently had suffered no ill effects. He was put to bed at his grandfather's home. He was not permitted to talk to anyone but the members of the family.

The attorney said the boy corroborated the story of the kidnaping told by Thomas Leroy Yowell, thirty-eight year old family chauffeur. Troll said his theory was that the kidnaping had not been plotted, but was decided upon suddenly after Yowell had been held up and robbed.

Yowell said the negro who was taken from him by the kidnaper forced him at the point of a revolver to stop a sedan in which he was leaving the grounds of the boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Orthwein, in exclusive Huntleigh village, St. Louis county. He was taking the boy to Grant's farm to have a New Year's eve dinner with his grandfather.

Yowell said he gave the negro the few dollars he had in his pocket. When told by the robber to "get out" he told the boy to come along. Yowell said, but the robber said to "wait" until the doors and drove away.

In the presence of his father, Attorney Troll and his five year old brother, Adolphus, Thursday night was allowed to talk with reporters. The boy calmly answered all questions except those asked on how he knew the only information gleaned in the guarded interview was to the effect that his abductor had treated him well while the youth remained captive in the kidnaper's house.

The abductor wore a hood, and had a knife in his hand, and was forced to hide under a blanket.—State Journal.

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The undersigned will sell at Public Auction on the J. E. Wilkes farm, two miles southwest of Plattsmouth and two miles north of Myard, Nebraska, on the Louisville road, on—

Friday, Jan. 9th beginning at 10:30 o'clock a. m., with lunch served on the ground at noon, the following described property:

Seven Head of Horses. One bay team, mare and gelding, 11 and 12 years old, wt. 3170 pounds; one bay team geldings, 10 and 12 years old, weight 3300; one team of gray mares, 11 and 12 years old, wt. 2920; one brown mare, 12 years old, weight 1250.

Farm Machinery. One Deering 6-foot binder; two treadless cultivators; one tongue cultivator; one Baylor 2-row cultivator; one 2-row lister; one McCormick-Deering press drill, with extra seed attachment; one 3-section harrow; one P and O 16-18 disc; two John Deere gang plows; one 2-bottom tractor plow; one John Deere box wagon; one Lafayette box wagon; one extra elevator, complete with hoist and power; one 6-foot Deering mower; one 2-row stalk cutter; three sets heavy Corns harness; one top buggy; one spring wagon; one bob sled; one Case 2-row machine; one 6-shovel plow; one International trapezoid spreader; many other articles too numerous to mention.

CHICKENS—One dozen Rose Comb White Wyandotte Roosters are also included in this sale.

Terms of Sale. Terms are CASH. If you desire credit, make arrangements with your own banker in advance. All property must be settled for before being removed from the premises.

Andrew Uhe, Owner.

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SPECULATION IS ATTACKED

New York—A resolution condemning speculation in dairy products was adopted Thursday by the New York chapter of the American Warehouse Men's association, cold storage division. The resolution recommended elimination of all future trading in butter, eggs and other dairy products until the products are actually in the warehouse. It pointed out that "the stability of markets on dairy products is affected through activity of future trading when such products are not actually in the warehouse."

T. A. Adams, chairman of the chapter, issued a statement blaming over extension of credit for much of the "business depression." "I regret to acknowledge that our industry is distinctly to blame for a large part of over extension of credit," he added, "in the form of advances in good distribution."

Nebraska's Position is Regarded Good

Officials Are Cautious in Forecasts, But Cite Resources—Road Fund Factor.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—State officers were reluctant today to make any forecasts for the new year.

Because of uncertainty as to the return which national business conditions may take, they hesitated to express publicly the optimism which some of them feel. The consensus of opinion was that while Nebraska stands head and shoulders above the majority of the states at present, yet conditions which under normal circumstances would appear more or less rosy are considered doubtful in view of the possible effect of national and worldwide developments.

One bright spot which looms up in the future and which can be depended upon is the possible availability of approximately nine million dollars for highway construction work during the coming months. This alone would provide employment and remuneration for between seven and 10 thousand men. In addition, a large amount of the road and one-half million dollars which will be expended for maintenance will be transferred to the pockets of the men employed in the work.

Fewer Bank Failures. Another bit of encouragement is found in the records of the state banking department. These show that the number of bank failures in the state during 1930 was half that of 1929. This is considered particularly significant in view of the fact that the nation has passed through a most severe financial crisis during the past year, which has resulted in a large number of bank failures in most parts of the country. The fact is taken as an indication of improving financial conditions in Nebraska, and at least as evidence of growing stability.

National and world developments also play a part in the forecasting of the 1931 agricultural outlook. All conditions point to a good productive year, but the trend of prices is the more important factor, according to the A. E. Anderson state and federal crop statistician.

Pork Supply Short. Anderson points out that the winter wheat plantings are in excellent condition, with a satisfactory supply of moisture throughout the state. However, the world supply of wheat offers little promise for the future, although the increase may improve conditions locally.

A shortage in the pork supply should indicate improved hog prices next spring. More cattle are on feed in Nebraska than a year ago, and finished cattle are bringing fairly good prices, Anderson said.

However, he pointed out, the outlook for the farmer depends greatly on the turn taken in general business conditions. If the consumer does not have the purchasing power prices cannot raise, he explained.—World-Herald.

TWO WOUNDED AT A PARTY

Melrose, Mass.—Two persons were shot, one seriously, Thursday as Gordon W. Johnson, attired as a Mexican bandit for a costume party, played his part too realistically. Johnson and a group of friends had attended an American Legion costume dance at the Legion bungalow. After the dance they returned to Johnson's home for refreshments. While the group was gathered in the kitchen the host picked up a revolver which had been one of his accoutrements, and, believing it to be unloaded, pointed it at one of the guests and pulled the trigger. The bullet passed thru the hand of Clarence O. Bascom, glanced off some cutlery hanging in the pantry, passed out thru the pantry door and struck Mrs. Mae Macherly. She fell seriously wounded.

NOTICE OF MEETING. The annual meeting of the Farmers' Elevator Co. of Culm, Neb., will be held at the school house in Dist. 41 on Sat. Jan. 10, 1931 at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting such business as may come before the meeting.

J. G. MEISINGER, President. AUGUST, KEIL, Secretary. d29-2td-2tw

STOCK STREAMS FOR 1931 FISHING SEASON

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Disciples of Isaac Walton should have more than ordinary fishermen's luck when they take to the streams at the opening of the 1931 season. All streams of the Keystone State have been unusually well stocked this year.

Mike Endres, of Omaha, is New State Sheriff

Will Succeed W. C. Condit Who Has Made Fine Record in the Past Seven Years.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—Governor-elect Charles W. Bryan today announced appointment of Michael L. Endres, former Douglas county sheriff and treasurer, as Nebraska state sheriff succeeding W. C. Condit.

Mr. Endres, the governor-elect said, will assume office inauguration day, January 8. He will receive four thousand dollars a year, the salary now paid Mr. Condit.

Mr. Bryan said Mr. Endres was chosen from a large field of "available candidates" for his business ability, and his experience as a public official and a law enforcement officer.

Expects More Prevention. The governor-elect said Mr. Condit has been successful at apprehending criminals after a crime is committed. Mr. Endres, on the other hand, is an organizer, Mr. Bryan said, and will be able to work out a statewide law enforcement body that will be able to suppress crime before it started.

"It is known for his honesty and all-around practical experience." The new state sheriff, Mr. Bryan said, has lived in Nebraska for 37 years, and in Omaha 32 years.

He has had a varied political career commencing with 1909 when he was a vacancy appointee to the Omaha city council.

In 1916 Mr. Endres was elected county treasurer of Douglas county for two years. In 1918, after the law covering the tenure of county officials had been revised, Mr. Endres was re-elected for four years.

Four Years Douglas County Sheriff. In 1922 Mr. Endres served four years as Douglas county sheriff and served four years as treasurer.

In 1928 the Omaha was the unsuccessful democratic candidate for state treasurer. Endres was a member of the Nebraska delegation to the democratic national convention in New York, and supported Bryan for nomination as president of the United States.

Mr. Condit, formerly of Fremont, where he served for many years as sheriff of Dodge county, was appointed state sheriff about seven years ago. In announcing Endres' appointment, Mr. Bryan said that present members of the state sheriff's staff would be retained for the present.

COP DIES IN GUN BATTLE

Chicago—Bandit guns blazed in combat with the law in two separate incidents early Thursday, leaving one policeman dead and six other persons wounded. One of the battles turned a night club's merry making into a bedlam, as screaming patrons sought refuge behind chairs and booths from the flying bullets of robbers and officers.

The other brought death of patrolman John Vondruska, assigned to guard a yellow cab company office on the west side. He was slain and a driver shot when seven men were frustrated in an attempt to break open \$6,000 and \$8,000 of company receipts. The robbers escaped.

The cabaret, located in the section once ruled by "Bugs" Moran's gang, was entered by three gunman who lined the patrons and entertained along the walls. While the robbers were being frisked, John Rupert, one of the victims, made a flying tackle at a bandit and in a moment, a wild melee had started.

Sam Battaglia, recently acquitted of the robbery of Mrs. William Hale Thompson, and another robber, Charles Busk, were shot by police. Detective Martin Joyce, on duty in the cafe, Patrolman John Maier, a patron, and Rupert, were also wounded and several others were painfully beaten.

DIARY MAY HOLD CLUES

Washington—Scattered pages of her small diary, containing frank opinions of her masculine acquaintances, and her engagements with them, may contain the solution of the mystery death of nineteen year old Beniah Limerick. With seven men, two of them her brothers, being held for investigation, police Thursday night scanned the book for a clue as to who fired a bullet into her brain.

The girl was found dead in bed Wednesday. A doctor pronounced death due to natural causes. There was no evidence to the contrary until an undertaken found the bullet wound. Those held for investigation disclaim knowledge of the shooting. Vernon Limerick, a brother, told police he had left his sister talking to William Paddy, who escorted Miss Limerick to a dance Tuesday night, on the ground floor Wednesday morning.

He then went to bed, Limerick said, and found his sister ill when he visited her room at 10 a. m. She died soon afterwards. There were no bloodstains on the bedding, and nothing to indicate violence. Her hair had been arranged over the wound.

WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATION HITS FUTURES TRADING

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BIG FIRE ON WATERFRONT

Jersey City—Fire caused by a short circuit Thursday swept thru fire at bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad's Greenville terminal and caused damage unofficially estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. One man was injured. Thousands of spectators watched the spectacular blaze from surrounding hills as the flames mounted skyward. The red hot steel trusses fumed in the sky. A score of fire boats held the flames from warehouses near the bridges.

An undetermined number of freight cars, loaded with merchandise for New York delivery, were destroyed, but many car boats were towed away by tugs to safety. The float bridges are large docks supporting railroad tracks. They rise and fall with the tides so that freight cars may be moved from the mainland to the car ferries on continuous tracks.

ROAMING PRINTER IS HEIR TO A FORTUNE

Columbia, S. C.—Quest for Carlos O'Brien, itinerant printer, reputed to be one of the heirs to a \$500,000 estate in Ireland, ended here Thursday night. O'Brien was located in a cheap room over a restaurant that caters to railroad workers. He reserved comment on his reputed good fortune.

The roaming printer was named an heir to an estate left by his grandfather in Ireland.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of George E. Waver, deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and testament and praying for administration upon said estate and for such other and further orders and decrees as the law in the premises may require by the statutes in such cases made and provided to the end that said estate and all things pertaining thereto may be finally settled and determined, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1931, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on said 27th day of January, 1931, at nine o'clock a. m., to contest the said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to J. A. Capwell or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

A. H. O'NEARY, County Judge. (Seal) J5-3W

NOTICE OF WATER BOND ELECTION

Public Notice is hereby given that an election has been duly called and will be held in the Village of Alvo, Nebraska, on the 27th day of January, 1931, at which time there will be submitted to the legal voters of said Village the following question: "Shall the Village of Alvo, Nebraska, issue its negotiable bonds of the principal amount of Twelve Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$12,100.00), to be repaid by the date of issue, but payable any time after five years, and drawing interest at not exceeding five per centum (5%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of purchasing, erecting, constructing and maintaining a village water works?"

The polls for voting at said election will remain open from 9:00 o'clock a. m. to 7:00 o'clock p. m. of said date, and the voting place will be as follows: Stewart's Hall, Alvo, Nebraska.

Voters desiring to vote in favor of said proposition will mark an "X" in the square following the word "YES," voters desiring to vote against said proposition will mark an "X" in the square following the word "NO."

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JAIL STUDENTS IN BERLIN SABER ORGY

Berlin, Jan. 1.—The Berlin police were able to avert an orgy of saber flashing. About 600 students met for a "mensur," as the disgusting and barbarous pastime of drawing blood from heads, faces, ears and noses with sharp sabers is called (so that the German students are conscious for their ugliness amongst those of any other country in the world).

The police appeared just as the bloodshed was about to begin. More than 200 students were arrested and taken to police headquarters in eight lorries.

JANE COWL IN LEGAL TILT WITH PRODUCER

New York, Jan. 1.—Jane Cowl, the actress, charges Louis O. Malcoon, Pacific coast theater owner, owes her \$30,000. Malcoon charges Miss Cowl owes him \$25,000. The drama of "Who broke the contract?" will be settled in supreme court Monday.

Rail Executives See More Freight During 1931

Expect Business to Be Lighter in First Half of Year; Costs Cut Sharply.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 1.—The chief executives of the nation's railways express the opinion in a symposium in The Railway Age that traffic in the next six months will be smaller than in 1930, but the final half of the year will show improvement over 1930.

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Sees Much Lower Earnings.

The Railway Age, basing its estimate on statistics for the first 11 months of 1930, forecasts that total earnings of the Class I railroads will be about \$70 million dollars less than in 1929, \$80 million dollars less than in 1928 and \$1,070,000,000 less than in 1926. "Only great reductions in operating expenses," the magazine said, enabled the roads to withstand adverse influences. Operating expenses for 1930 were estimated at \$25 million dollars less than in 1926 and \$11 million dollars less than in 1923. The magazine placed the average earnings at about 3 1/2 per cent.

Operating expenses were reduced in 1930 by trimming maintenance expenditures, the symposium indicated.

Fear Decline in Properties.

"The impairment of physical properties," said J. S. Pycatt, president of the Denver & Rio Grande Western, "practically begins with the decline in such expenditures, which has been drastic during the past year, and if continued through another year, will have a question, he re-acted in the service rendered."

J. E. Gorman of the Rock Island and J. J. Pelley of the New York, New Haven & Hartford similarly said retrenchments in maintenance could not continue indefinitely without adversely affecting service.

Several of the executives gave pessimistic views of competition with other carriers. L. A. Downs, president of the Illinois Central system, termed the government's inland waterways policy a "menace." Variants of this theme were expressed as to the desirability of reducing day coach rates to compete with motor coach lines.—World-Herald.

DEATH OF FRANK O. BELL

Denver—Frank O. Bell, wealthy Colorado pioneer and founder of the town of York, Neb., died in a hospital here Wednesday after a brief illness. He was eighty-two years of age. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday in York.

York—Frank O. Bell, who died in Denver and his brother, J. H. Bell, were the founders of York. Frank Bell came here from Iowa in 1871, and was a resident of York several years. The Bell brothers opened a general merchandise store in a building, the use of which was donated for six months by a Mrs. Coast, under the consideration that the Bells put in a stock of merchandise to start the town. After three years in the mercantile business the Bell brothers started a lumber yard, the first in this country. Frank Bell was postmaster here for a number of years.

OMAHA PEOPLE IN ACCIDENT

Kansas City—Ned Line, a truck driver in Kansas City, was killed and another man and three women were injured early Thursday when Line's truck collided with an automobile on U. S. highway No. 71 in North Kansas City. The automobile was demolished. One of the occupants, Mrs. Alice Martin, twenty-seven, Omaha, was taken to a hospital here seriously injured. Line's truck was knocked off the highway. In the truck with Line were Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Frederick, and Mrs. Blanche Bevins, all of Kansas City. They were treated at a hospital and taken home in the automobile which crashed into the truck was driven by E. E. Martin, Omaha. Besides Mrs. Martin it had as passengers Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McBeth, of Kansas City. McBeth was arrested after the crash. He said the truck was traveling without lights. Martin and Mrs. McBeth, officers said, disappeared after the accident.

ANIMALS COLOR CONSCIOUS

Iowa City—Color preferences are not necessarily an exclusive thing with mankind, Prof. William E. Walton of the University of Nebraska psychology department told the American Psychological association in an address prepared for delivery Tuesday. Research, the Nebraskan said, has proved that even white rats are known to exhibit a degree of color consciousness. The experiments, he said, disproved the theory that lower forms of animal life could not detect colors because the eye retinas did not contain the cones which in the human eye are supposed to be the organs of color vision.

Except under one condition, the rats were able to choose colors. When similar members of the spectrum such as blue and green, were exhibited, the rats were unable to detect the difference between them.

HOOVERS SHAKE HANDS WITH 6429 PERSONS

Washington—President and Mrs. Hoover shook hands Thursday with 6,429 persons. The white house doors were wide open from 11 a. m. until 3:30 p. m., and between the hours, with the exception of forty-five minutes for lunch, the chief executive made a steady stream of New Year greetings. The morning was given over to government officials and diplomats, but in the afternoon 5,500 plain citizens paid their respects. Approximately 1,900 officials of various ranks were received during the morning.

POSSES ARE UNSUCCESSFUL

Salem, Ind.—The two Gibson boys, Dan and Alonzo, were successful again Tuesday in dodging posses searching for them in the wilds of Washington county. Officers said they are certain, however, that the pair will be located by Friday. A raid is planned for early Wednesday on the hamlet of Little York, where it is believed the brothers may be in hiding.

Dan, Alonzo and two other Gibson boys attacked the jail here last Saturday seeking to inflict their own punishment on John and Peter Spurr, held for the murder of their father, Patton Gibson. Odie Gibson, one of the brothers, was killed; Elmer Gerald, town marshal, was seriously wounded, and three other persons were less seriously injured. Gibson, one of the brothers, was captured Sunday but Dan and Alonzo have evaded the possesmen who have ranged the hills for three days.

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