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## Louisville Man is Wanted in Kentucky

Frank Gray Real Name of "John Osborne" Who has Disappeared—Wanted for Murder.

The investigation into the disappearance of "John Osborne" from his home at Louisville three weeks ago, has led to the revelation that his real name was Frank Gray and that he was wanted at Russellville, Kentucky, to face a murder charge. On February 19 the eccentric Osborne left Louisville. That evening, during a blizzard, he walked into the Omaha police station and announced he was really Frank Gray and that he had killed a man near Russellville, Ky., in 1910. He was booked for investigation and on February 22 was sent to the Douglas county hospital as "demented." Hospital Superintendent George Gesman said police told him Gray was violent and had to be held down. It was said he tried suicide in jail before he was taken to the hospital.

Gray stayed at the Douglas county hospital for observation until February 28. He was found to be sane, according to Gesman, and was taken to the transient shelter. He stayed there one night, then vanished.

**Police Won't Discuss Case.**  
Gesman said that the following day police called to ask about the man. Told that he was gone, the policeman said, "What in hell did you turn him loose for?"

Omaha police refused to discuss the case yesterday.

Sheriff J. Will Stewart of Russellville told The World-Herald that he received a letter from Captain Fred Franks of the Omaha police department Monday asking if a Frank Gray was wanted. He replied that he was, he said.

Sheriff Stewart said that Gray, a woodcutter and laborer in an asphalt mine, killed Thomas Edward Harper, a farmer, in a dispute at the farm home of Tom Moore, Gray's brother-in-law. The dispute, Stewart said, grew out of trouble between Gray's and Harper's children.

**Two Sons Still Living.**  
"Gray shot Harper with a .44 pistol," said Stewart, "and then he walked off into the holler and nobody ever heard from him again."

Gray, the sheriff said, had a wife and four children then. The wife and two daughters are dead; two sons still live near Russellville.

"Harper's three daughters are still living here and they're mighty anxious to get Gray back," said the sheriff. "We still have a warrant for willful murder and we want to try him on it."

Gray, or Osborne, arrived at Louisville 10 years ago. He had been living around Omaha for some time, sleeping in Jefferson Square, he told people.

He went there first as a wood-cutter and insisted on sleeping outdoors, wrapped in a canvas, even during the winter.

When the first woodcutting job was ended, Gray stayed in town. He was an odd-job man; his rates were low and he worked hard, so he was much in demand.

## SUFFERS SEVERE BURNS

From Thursday's Daily  
Mrs. William Shea was severely injured this morning shortly after opening up the restaurant on North 6th street for the day's business. She was engaged in pouring hot water into the coffee urn when the handle of the vessel she was using turned and the scalding water ran down her sleeve and over the left forearm. The arm was badly burned and blistered by the hot water and it was necessary to have the injuries treated by a physician. She however continued on with her duties as usual.

## HERE FROM TEKAMAH

From Friday's Daily  
Miss Effa Crealey, of Tekamah, was in the city today to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business and visiting with the old neighbors and friends. Miss Crealey is having some improvements made to her residence property on west Marble street and which she is supervising.

## TO RETURN EAST

Mrs. James Ptacek and daughter, Miss Gertrude, of Chicago, who have been here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Yelick, are returning Saturday to their home. While here they have had the pleasure of a visit with many of the old friends and neighbors, the Ptacek family having made their home here for a great many years before locating in Chicago.

## P. E. O. Society Holds Election of Officers

Present Officers of Chapter F, of This City are Re-elected and Installed in Office.

Chapter F, of the P. E. O. sisterhood have held their annual election of officers for the ensuing year, this culminating the charming 1 o'clock luncheon of the society at the home of Mrs. Frank L. Cummins.

The settings were in the P. E. O. colors, yellow and white which were carried out in the table decorations of the yellow jonquils and the snowy linen.

The members of the chapter joined in re-electing the officers who have so ably guided the affairs of the society in the past year, they being as follows:

President—Mrs. Louis Lohnes.  
Vice-President—Mrs. L. S. Devoe.  
Recording Secretary—Mrs. P. T. Heineman.  
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. F. B. Shopp.  
Treasurer—Mrs. H. F. Goos.  
Chaplain—Mrs. A. L. Tidd.  
Guard—Mrs. Clement Woster.

The officers were duly installed by Mrs. Olga Wiles, past president in a very impressive manner.

The chapter also elected their delegates to the state convention at Holdrege, April 29, naming Mrs. Lohnes, the president, and Mrs. Henry Herold, as the chapter representatives.

## HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler, Jr., in the south part of the city, was the scene of a most delightful dinner party Thursday evening, honoring H. E. Becker, father of Mrs. Sattler.

The occasion was the sixty-second birthday of Mr. Becker and in the observance he was joined by the members of the family and a few friends to enjoy the fine 6:30 dinner.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schmidtman, and Janis, Mrs. Louise Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ward Egenberger, Loren Otto, Robert L. Walling, Harley Becker and Ray Cann, Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sattler, Jr.

## PURCHASES SMALL FARM

George Born of this city has just purchased the acreage west of the city, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Adam Stoehr. The place is well located and one of the best small farm tracts in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoehr have purchased the Steppat property at 11th and Elm streets and expect soon to be located there and enjoy the comforts of the town home.

The many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Stoehr are moving in to be permanent residents of the city.

## RECOVERING FROM INJURY

Old friends will be pleased to learn that Thomas Svoboda, Sr., who was injured a short time ago at Omaha, is doing very nicely at the Nicholas Senn hospital. Mr. Svoboda fell and broke his knee cap some time ago and has since been under care at the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Svoboda have made their home in Omaha for the past two years.

## HERE FROM CHICAGO

Harley Becker arrived here Thursday from Chicago, coming for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Becker, as well as other relatives and old friends. He accompanied a friend, Ray Cann, who was driving through to Omaha on some business matters.

## Founders' Day is Observed by Methodist F. M. S.

Meeting Held at Home of Mrs. L. S. Devoe and a Splendid Program and Tea Enjoyed.

The Methodist Women's Missionary organizations are observing this month the founding of their foreign work began on March 23, 1869 at Fremont church, Boston. The local members held a program and tea at their regular meeting with Mrs. L. S. Devoe on Thursday of this week. The regular business session was held before the program, at which time the extension lunch to be held at the April meeting was planned. Members of the church in nearby towns will be invited as guests and any local members and friends of other churches are welcome. The society was very happy to have present the district president of W. F. M. S., Mrs. O. E. Pearson of Omaha.

At three o'clock the memorial program opened with the regular devotional lesson and song, led by the pastor's wife, Mrs. V. C. Wright, closing with "Come Holy Spirit" by Mesdames Wescott and Hayes. A short time was given to the regular student of the text, "Women Under the Southern Cross," bringing forth three outstanding native women who have accomplished much for evangelized progress in the spiritual life of the women of these countries, especially in Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. These lessons are given as stages of a friendly cruise thru the several republics by groups. In Lima, Peru, the high school established by Methodist women has moved into a much needed new building and today finds its alumnae taking responsible positions not only in religious work but in secular life of the republic and forming worth while organizations for uplift of their class.

The memorial service was led by Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Pearson gave a short review of the day and conditions under which the women were called together. Mrs. Wescott sang "My Task," by Ashford, in keeping with life of a missionary. As the idea of a women's organization in America to send workers to help women in the orient was first conceived in the mind of a man who went as missionary for his church to men in India—James Thoburn—Mrs. Wright told first of when she was a bride in Tennessee (having been married in one of our Home Missionary schools there) Jas. Thoburn who was then a retired bishop attended services in the church of which Rev. Wright was pastor and gladly pronounced the benediction each Sunday although he was unable to preach any more because of failing strength. Then she gave the story of his dream and how his sister as a teacher and Dr. Clara Irwin were the first volunteers to undertake this work and were sent by this small band of eight women, who added others to their ranks and collected enough money to send these two, even though they went to town and church in calico dresses as Mother Thoburn as she rode the spring seat atop the high wagon, taking the pigs to market, denied herself the new shawl that she might send that money to her son, James, for his work in India. As the roll of these eight women were called Mesdames Dutler, Parker, Flanders, Kingsbury, Merrill, Rich, Taylor and Stoddard—eight of ladies present, Mesdames Edna Wescott, Devoe, Kieck, Schwenneker, Newton, Hayes and Misses Spangler, Kennedy came forward and lit a candle in memory paying a personal tribute to each for what she meant to the organization. One candle was left unlighted for the woman who could not leave the comfort of her own home to brave the storm of that day to meet with the others in the organizing of this work which has grown to be the largest woman's organization of our day dedicated to unselfish service.

The memorial closed with a solo, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," by Mrs. Wescott. Mrs. Duxbury then gave her impressions of the great spiritual leader of Japan, Kagawa, who is now touring the United States in the interest of deeper spiritual life and its application to life in society and government.

The district president added her

opinion of Kagawa and expressed her appreciation of being able to attend a meeting with one of his subjects.

A trio of the Standard Bearer girls, Misses Armstrong, Schwenneker and Hall, closed the day's program singing "Sing His Praise."

Mrs. Devoe served most pleasing refreshments while members and visitors had opportunity to converse and enjoy each other.

## Governor Roy L. Cochran to Visit This City

Will Be Speaker at Happy Hundred Banquet on Thursday, March 26—May Have Gov. Herring.

The details are being completed for the spring dinner of the Happy Hundred to be held on Thursday, March 26th, at the American Legion building.

The committee have received the acceptance of Governor Roy L. Cochran, of Nebraska, to be the guest speaker of the evening and an invitation has also been extended to Governor Clyde Herring of Iowa, also to be present and take part in the program.

The banquet will be laid along the lines of river navigation and bridges and large delegations are expected from the cities along the Missouri river where all have the same problems to face and which will be ably discussed by the speakers of the evening.

Among those who have been invited is Oliver Stevenson, of Nebraska City, one of the live wire road and bridge boosters.

The banquet is to be at the popular price of 50c per plate and E. L. McKissick is chairman of the committee to supply the necessary tickets for the inter-community gathering.

In addition to the speakers, the Plattsmouth Dramatic club will also present a skit that will add to the pleasures of the evening.

## D. A. R. HAS MEETING

Fontenelle chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Caroline Baird with a very pleasing attendance of the members.

The delegates to the state convention at Grand Island, which meets this month, were named, Mrs. R. W. Clement, regent and Mrs. E. H. Wescott, past state regent, being named.

The Fontenelle chapter is sponsoring Miss Grace Louise Wiles as a contestant for the Ruth Bryan Owen Pilgrimage to Washington, D. C., to be held the latter part of next month.

The chapter also observed the defense week program which was in charge of Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess to add to the pleasures of the afternoon.

## TRYING TO REACH HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George Brinklow, who have been visiting at Lake Worth, Palm Beach and other places in Florida, have returned home and have been endeavoring to reach their farm home near Murray, but the bad road conditions have made it impossible to get to the farm. When they first arrived home they made the attempt but without success, to reach the farm, then going to Omaha where they have visited friends since. They again made the try Thursday to get through and were able to reach the farm altho the roads are quite bad.

## WILL VISIT PLATTSMOUTH

Dr. S. M. Corey, one of the well known members of the faculty of the University of Nebraska, will be a guest here next Tuesday of Superintendent L. S. Devoe. Dr. Corey will have three speaking engagements here during his stay. He will speak at 12:15 at the luncheon of the Rotary club, at 3:30 at the convocation of the high school and at 4 o'clock will address the members of the high school faculty. His subjects at the meetings will be, "Measuring Character," "Choosing a Career," and "Student Attention." This will be a real treat to the Rotary and school, he being one of the ablest speakers of the university faculty.

## Two Candidates Decline to Seek City Offices

R. H. Anderson, Republican for City Treasurer, R. F. Patterson in First Ward, Say Nay.

City Clerk Albert Olson has received the declinations of Ralph H. Anderson, republican candidate for city treasurer, as well as Rea F. Patterson, democratic candidate for councilman in the first ward.

The two candidates will not seek the offices for which they were named at the city conventions, neither having been present and who feel that they are not in the mood for political honors.

So far these are the only ones to announce that they will not make the race and apparently all the other candidates will remain on the ballot to be voted on by the people at the city election on April 7th.

There has been no apparent wish on the part of anyone to enter the race for the vacant places and it is expected that both of these will be left vacant by the committees and the set up of candidates goes "as is."

## STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**CLASS A**  
Creighton Prep, 48, Mitchell, 27.  
Fairbury, 29, Broken Bow, 27.  
Lincoln, 45 Newman Grove, 14.  
Omaha South, 30, Scottsbluff, 17.  
Hastings, 44, Wahoo, 11.  
Hebron, 33 Norfolk, 31 (overtime)  
Jackson, Lincoln, 47, Curtis, 24.  
Fremont, 23 Crete 21.

**CLASS B**  
Peru Prep, 37, Oshkosh, 21.  
West Point, 21, McCool Junc., 14.  
Polk, 24, Eagle, 16.  
Rising City, 24, Atkinson, 21.  
Hobbs, 43, Winnebago, 40.  
Blue Hill, 26, Chadron Prep, 18.  
(Overtime).  
Oakdale, 37, Bnekelman, 21.  
Bethany, Lincoln, 43, Litchfield 13

**CLASS C**  
Elkhorn 24, Theoford, 22 (Extra period).  
Creston, 25, Lebanon, 18.  
Santee, 30, Virginia, 11.  
A. O. Thomas, 43, Elba, 28.  
Troyer, 18, Brock, 15.  
Avoca, 36, Crookston, 21.  
Snyder, 35, Mascot 31.  
Swanton, 45, Brad, 17.

## Second Round Games

**CLASS A**  
6:30 p. m.—Creighton Prep vs. Fairbury.  
7:30 p. m.—Hastings vs. Lincoln.  
8:30 p. m.—Omaha South vs. Hebron.  
9:30 p. m.—Jackson vs. Fremont.

**CLASS B**  
1:00 p. m.—Polk vs. Rising City.  
2:00 p. m.—Peru Prep vs. West Point.  
3:00 p. m.—Blue Hill vs. Holbrook.  
4:00 p. m.—Bethany vs. Oakdale.

**CLASS C**  
1:00 p. m.—Santee vs. A. O. Thomas.  
2:00 p. m.—Elkhorn vs. Creston.  
3:00 p. m.—Snyder vs. Troyer.  
4:00 p. m.—Avoca vs. Swanton.

## HAVE PLEASANT MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. F. L. Cummins on Pearl street on Thursday, where in the pleasant surroundings the ladies enjoyed a most interesting and pleasant meeting.

Canon Petter, rector of St. Luke's church, gave a very interesting discussion of the missionary work of the church organizations that was very much enjoyed by the large group.

The afternoon was closed by the serving of a delicious luncheon by Mrs. Cummins and which all appreciated very much.

## GOES TO MISSOURI

Fred H. Sharpnack departed Friday afternoon for Savannah, Missouri, where he will visit with Mrs. Sharpnack at the Nichols hospital in that city. Mrs. Sharpnack is there taking treatment and which will require some time. He expects to return home Sunday evening.

## SMALL FIRE TODAY

From Friday's Daily  
The fire department was called this morning to the residence property on east Marble street, occupied by the John Woods family. Sparks from the chimney had burned a small area of the shingle roof, but was put out before the arrival of the fire department with little damage.

## PAYS VISIT TO CITY

W. B. Banning, head of the state department of agriculture and inspection, with L. F. Langhorst, also connected with the department, were in the city Thursday to visit with the old friends and looking after some business for the department. Mr. Banning was a visitor at various business houses to check up on inspection of eggs and other food-stuffs.

## Plan Banquet to Honor Basketball Squad

Tentative Date Set for March 24th at Home Economics Room of the High School.

Since the close of the basketball season it has been urged that some recognition be given the members of the Plattsmouth high school basketball squad, who have had a very successful playing season.

It is planned to tender the squad of some twenty boys a banquet or dinner to be served at the home economics room of the high school, the tentative date being fixed for Tuesday, March 24.

The plans are for the boys to be guests as well as the fathers of the boys or friends of the high school athletic department who will be allowed to secure tickets for the event.

Owing to the capacity of the room it will be necessary to limit the number of those outside the squad who may wish to attend.

The banquet will be prepared and served by the home economics department of the high school in compliment to the boys of the team.

## TAKES POSSESSION OF ENGINE

From Thursday's Daily

Last night members of the switching crew engaged in the Burlington yard, at lunch time came up into the main section of the city to secure their lunch before continuing the work of switching the cars to and from the shops. The engineer and firemen were rather surprised on their return to find that a stranger was roosting in the cab of the locomotive and in full possession of the locomotive and objected to be ousted from his position. Night Officers Stewart and Pickrel were notified and the man was taken to the city jail and lodged.

At the jail he stated that his name was Jack Barty, who had just recently lit at the transient camp north of the city.

This morning he was arraigned in police court and on an agreement to either take thirty days in jail or leave the city, he decided to hit the high places on the highway.

## LIST POINTS SCORED AT SUB-DISTRICT CONTEST

Superintendent M. R. Shrader of Nebraska City has advised Lumir A. Gerner, director of Public Speaking in the local high school of the points scored by the seven schools competing in the sub-district declamatory contest there Tuesday. Plattsmouth led with 14; Nebraska City was second with 11 and Dunbar third with 5 points. The other four schools rated as follows: Syracuse, 3; Auburn, 2; Talmage, 1; Louisville, 0.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Saturday's Daily  
The marriage of Miss Ella May Farris, of Fremont, to Mr. Delmar Murray Carpenter, of Omaha, took place this morning at the court house. The young people motored here for the ceremony and returned at once to Omaha after the wedding. The marriage was witnessed by Miss Minnie Hill, deputy in the office of the judge and Allan McClannahan, one of the employes at the court house.

## TEACHERS SPRING VACATION

The spring vacation of the teachers of the local schools will be on Thursday and Friday, March 26 and 27, which with Saturday and Sunday will give them a four day outing. This will give many from out of the city to have a short visit with their home folks.

## Local People to Entertain at Falls City

Will Be Featured at the Meeting of the Falls City Rotary Club on March 17th.

The Plattsmouth Rotary club has been invited to present the program at the meeting of the Falls City Rotary on Tuesday evening, March 17th, which has been accepted and the local entertainers as well as several of the other members and their ladies are expected to make the trip. This will be a meeting of the Rotary and their Anns.

The program will include four numbers by the male quartet, L. O. Minor, R. C. Cook, H. G. McClusky and Frank A. Cloidt, three solo numbers by Frank A. Cloidt, as well as the magic show that will be presented by Lowell S. Devoe, local superintendent of schools, who has made this feature one in great demand in this section of the state.

The local delegation will leave here at 4 p. m. Tuesday and arrive in time for the Falls City dinner at 6:30.

There will be a large group of the Rotarians present to enjoy the meeting from towns in that section of the state.

## PRESENT FINE PROGRAM

The students of the Plattsmouth high school had the pleasure Wednesday afternoon of hearing one of the excellent musical organizations of the Missouri valley, the male quartet of Tarkio college, Tarkio, Missouri.

The quartet was composed of Merle Storm, Shenandoah, Iowa, Marvin Sterrett, Des Moines, Theodore Paul, Jr., Tarkio and Wesley Whitehouse, King City, Missouri.

The young men were introduced at the convocation hour and gave several vocal selections that were very much appreciated and enjoyed by the student body and faculty.

R. Foster Patterson, former principal of the high school here, now a member of the history department of Tarkio, was with the quartet and added to the pleasure and interest of the convocation. Mr. Patterson gave a short talk and several stories to add to the interest of the program and greeted the students with many of whom he has been associated in the past.

## INSTALL NEW MANAGER

Ordeil Hennings, who has been the manager of the Hinky-Dinky store at Missouri Valley, Iowa, has returned to his old home, Plattsmouth, to serve as the manager or the local store. He succeeds Leslie Winters, who has been the manager for the past two years.

Mr. Hennings entered the services of the Hinky-Dinky company in this city where he served as assistant manager until sent to Missouri Valley to manage the new store opened there.

Mr. Hennings is a very capable and alert store man in every way and his many friends are pleased to see him receive the management of the large store here, one of the best of the company in the eastern part of Nebraska.

Mr. Hennings took over the new duties Thursday evening and is now in full charge.

## TO ACCEPT FOREMANSHIP

W. F. Wurga, who was for a number of years foreman of the Burlington blacksmith shop in this city, later at Havelock and Denver, is to be called to a new position at McCook. Mr. Wurga will be made roundhouse foreman at the west Nebraska division point and have charge of the nine stall roundhouse of the "Q" at McCook in the future.

## TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Perry Coffman, who has not been in the best of health for some time, was taken to Omaha Thursday where he entered a hospital for treatment. Mr. Coffman may have to undergo an operation as he seems to be suffering from intestinal trouble that has been unable to correct by treatment at his home here.