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CONFESSED HIS GUILT.

Postmaster Smith of Union Enters His Plea in Federal Court.

JUDGE DUNDY'S SENTENCE.

Submitting Fraudulent Reports of Stamp Cancellations Costs the Postmaster a Fine of Fifty Dollars and Costs—Notes.

A Postmaster Punished.

Postmaster Smith of Union, against whom an indictment was returned by the grand jury on the charge of defrauding the government, appeared before Judge Dundy Thursday in the federal court of Omaha and after pleading guilty was fined \$50 and costs. Mr. Smith's crime was so easy of detection that the affair is rather peculiar. In postoffices of the class to which Union belongs postmasters are paid in proportion to the number of stamps cancelled on outgoing letters and papers. Smith reported a larger amount of cancellations than usual for a recent month and the department immediately instructed postal clerks to keep tab on the mail received at Union. The reports of the postal clerks and that of the postmaster failed to tally for the next month. The discrepancy resulted in an investigation by the grand jury with a result which is rather damaging to the postmaster. It is surmised that he will do it again.

A Nebraska Elopement.

The Glenwood, Ia., Opinion, declares the apprehension and arrest of the fastidious man who fled with a woman other than his wife, as follows: "his about the first week in November a couple arrived in Glenwood and put up at the Edwards House, who were engaged in giving instructions in painting and engraving pictures. He was a man about forty years old, pleasant and agreeable, and fond of a game of billiards. She was a good-looking woman about thirty. They left Glenwood on the 22d day of November, stopped a week at Hastings and arrived at Red Oak about the 1st of December. While here they were known as Mr. and Mrs. Young and lived as man and wife. Marshal McAllen received a postal card from Red Oak inquiring for Thos. Prater and Mrs. Landey, who eloped together from here, he leaving a wife and three children, she a husband and child. From the description it was evident that the pretended Young and wife were the parties. On Monday Mrs. Prater came to Glenwood and filed information before Esquire Byers, charging adultery to these parties, and Tuesday Marshal McAllen went to Red Oak and found them living as man and wife at the boarding house of Mrs. Ford. He arrested them on the charge of adultery and brought them to Glenwood and placed them in jail. Their case is now before the grand jury for investigation. The woman is very penitent now and spends her time weeping and lamenting, and is beginning to realize that the way of the transgressor is hard.

"Wednesday morning an indictment for adultery was returned to court by the grand jury, and they were arraigned. They asked time to file pleas."

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The Burlington's New Mail Train.

The Burlington's new west-bound fast mail train made its initial trip Monday under the new time schedule. The train left Chicago at 3 a. m. and arrived at Plattsmouth at 2:14 p. m.—just two minutes behind time. Omaha was reached at 2:30—a run of twenty-two miles from this city in twenty-five minutes. The train whisked in and out of Plattsmouth within a few brief seconds and the large crowd, which assembled at the depot to get a glimpse of the fastest mail train ever run over a western railroad, got a glimpse, and nothing more, for, in fact, the train was not in sight long enough to admit of anything like an inspection. The new train brings Chicago papers to this city less than four hours behind the Omaha papers, while New York mail is delivered the second afternoon out. The enterprise of the Burlington road deserves to be appreciated.

Bennett & Furr will have for the holiday trade a large line of beautiful China ware and lamps of all kinds, as well as candies, nuts, raisins, oranges, lemons, dates and figs, and in fact anything that is good.

Col. Connor and the Whiskey Trust.

Col. Joseph A. Connor, a former resident of Plattsmouth but now of Omaha, is a stockholder in the whiskey trust. He doesn't seem to be intensely pleased at the manner in which the trust officers are conducting affairs and in an interview has expressed himself as follows:

"In my opinion stock in the trust should sell for 20c instead of 9c. The company owns eighty-one houses, twenty-one of which are live houses. The business would be in excellent condition were it not for Greenhut's imbecile management. The object of the circular just issued is to depress the stock, because Greenhut and his conferees, among whom Nelson Morris is prominent, are short. Anyone familiar with whiskey trust business knows that stock of the value of \$35,000,000 if sold at sheriff's sale would bring at least \$15,000,000. Greenhut is controlled by Morris, and even if disposed he has not the ability to handle such an enormous affair."

Militia Boys Will Get Their Pay.

Glenwood's militia boys now breathe easy. The supreme court last Friday morning decided that the state should pay their expenses incurred during the Kelly invasion at Council Bluffs last May. It will be remembered that Governor Jackson ordered out eight companies of militia for that occasion of which number our own company C was one. The state auditor claimed that Pottawattamie county should foot the bills and alleged that the state could not be held responsible therefor. After a hard fight however the supreme court decided otherwise and now the state will pay the amount in full which reaches the sum of \$4,102.11. It has been a notable case and closely contested and has kept the "sojer" boys waiting over six months for their money.—Glenwood Tribune.

STRAYED—Red Irish setter pup, five months old. W. C. BENFER.

A Muddle at Eagle.

Yesterday's Lincoln News says: Deputy Sheriff Lindloff went out to the vicinity of Eagle, Cass county, today to levy attachments on whatever property of E. M. Albers & Sons he can find lying around loose. The attachments were sworn out by Heinrich Urland and Hans Wolf, who hold promissory notes for \$200 and \$324 respectively. The affidavits set up that the Albers, of whom E. M. appears to be a woman, have left the country for New Mexico, and have removed or are about to remove their property with intent to defraud creditors. Several Lincoln business firms are said to have been caught for small amounts.

A child can buy as cheap as a man! Where? At GERING & CO'S.

Attention, Farmers!

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company of Cass county will be held at the Heil school house, in Eight Mile Grove precinct, on Saturday, January 12th, 1895, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and also to transact such business as may lawfully come before the meeting.

JACOB TRITSCH, Pres.

J. P. FALTER, Sec'y.

Abandoned the Team.

Yesterday morning about 7 o'clock a stranger drove into Levi's livery stable at Nebraska City, and had his team cared for. That was the last seen of him. Last evening a telegram was received by John Frazier from Louisville, Neb., which asked him to arrest and hold one Charles Noyes, and described him as being a tall, slender man, light mustache and wearing a light overcoat. By means of private marks Mr. Frazier, who is a member of the livery men's association, readily identified the team and said they had been stolen from a stable in Louisville. The police made a search for Noyes but could not find him, but did find a young man who had come to the city with him, but he was discharged as he easily proved he had nothing to do with the stealing. The team was taken back today.—Nebraska City News.

Of course it wasn't intentional but at the grand drawing at the Turnverein fair on Monday night, a young lady held the ticket which drew a pair of men's trousers, while a saloon keeper drew a bottle of wine which was donated by a competitor in business. Of course the saloon keeper can use the wine, but the problem of the young lady is more difficult to solve.

The "Plan Sifter" flour is the popular brand. Ask for it from your grocer.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

The Junction Recorder hints at some shocking proceedings which are supposed to occur at East Plattsmouth, in the following: "The little community that embraces the dimly defined limits of East Plattsmouth is composed for the most part of a somewhat religious element, to which condition the two hand-ome churches will substantially testify. But, unfortunately, a black spot in the peaceful community has been recently uncovered, and the garish profligacy of a certain set fills the morally disposed with anger and disgust. It is claimed that at least three nights a week the residence of a certain party is the scene of such boisterous merriment and terpsichorean orgies that the fair name of the proprietress is greatly jeopardized, while the neighbors claim to be greatly scandalized by the proceedings. The orderly people of the community contemplate taking the law into their own hands if the revelries are not somewhat toned down, but it is to be hoped that the persons implicated will desist from their unseemly conduct and cease to scandalize the neighborhood without the intervention of more stringent measures."

There are exactly nineteen applicants for the wardenship of the penitentiary. Councilman O'Shea of Lincoln, who is backed by Congressman Bryan, is almost ready to extend sympathy to the other eighteen. Several Lincoln physicians are applicants for the superintendency of the Lincoln hospital for the insane. Drs. Bowman, Casebeer and Britt of Lincoln, Dr. Abbott of Fremont and Dr. Coffman of Ord are among the applicants, while Dr. Dean of Omaha would like the place of assistant.—Lincoln Journal.

Monday's Omaha Bee, in giving a brief sketch of the lives of the one hundred thirty-three members of the next Nebraska legislature, makes the following comment on Jno. A. Davies, one of Cass county's members: "John A. Davies of Cass county served his maiden term as a legislator two years ago and attained much prominence by his eloquent and scathing arraignment of the hoodie methods that had prevailed for so many years in the management of the state institutions. He was one of the leaders in that house and is bound to be a prominent member at the coming session. He received a college education while a young man and afterwards graduated from the Iowa State university. He is one of the leading candidates for speaker of the house, and his abilities are universally recognized."

Recent developments go to show that Mrs. Notson, the missing Omaha school teacher, instead of being at the bottom of the Missouri river, is still alive and in hiding. The sheriff of Dawes county, this state, claims that he is in possession of positive information to the effect that the woman and her two children are living on a ranch some fifty miles out of Chadron, and the officer claims he will be able to produce them in a very few days. The principal hitch in the proceedings is over the question of reward, and when it is settled to the satisfaction of the Dawes county sheriff he maintains that he will divulge the whereabouts of the much-wanted woman.

The Omaha World-Herald of Sunday last did a splendid thing by printing the testimony given by John M. Thurston, then assistant attorney for the U. P. railway, before the U. S. commission to investigate the management of that railway, in 1887. That testimony gave many of the details of the management of the lobby at Lincoln on behalf of that company. Thurston says that as assistant attorney of the U. P. he was specially instructed to look after legislation in Nebraska and protect the company's interests from adverse enactment. He employed lawyers from various parts of the state to visit Lincoln and use their "influence" upon members in the interest of the U. P. He also prepared amendments to bills affecting railroad legislation and had them submitted by friendly members. In straight, plain English he was nothing more or less than a railroad lobbyist, and was paid \$7,000 a year for such work. No man with good sense would assume that when elected to the U. S. senate he will be anything short of that as a senator. One might just as well expect Satan to become an angel of light as to think John M. Thurston would ever act for the people against the railways. If a man sells his soul to the devil he can never buy it back.

A DASTARDLY SCHEME

A Pair of Villians Plan to Wreck a Burlington Mail Train.

THEIR PLANS WELL ARRANGED.

A Sharp Curve The Selected Spot But the Obstruction Was Discovered Before the Damage Was Done—Various Other Notes.

A dastardly attempt was made to wreck the Burlington's west bound fast mail train some three miles north of town Sunday.

Sunday afternoon at about 1:30 o'clock, George Tarsch and Charles Shepherd, two young men well known about the town, borrowed a railway velocipede and started out for a ride to Oreadpolis on the Burlington's track. Their trip was void of any special incident until they reached a point in the track directly opposite the big bluff known as "Swallow Hill," and around which the track makes a very sharp curve before entering the Platte river bottom. Here they found the track obstructed by a pair of railroad ties. Behind the ties were piled a number of large rocks, while a large iron fish-plate connected the tie with the rails on both sides, the whole thing being arranged in such manner as to guide the front locomotive wheels up on the ties, thus insuring an awful railroad wreck. The boys threw the ties and rocks off to one side and continued their journey to Oreadpolis, returning home at about 3:30 o'clock. They reported their discovery to the officers and Deputy Sheriff Hyers and Chief Dunn immediately adjourned to the scene of action. The foot prints of the wreckers were easily discernable. The tracks of one were somewhat dim, but the tracks of the second party were easy of measurement, and the use of a foot-rule disclosed the shoe to be No. 7. The tracks led off to the left toward the tall bluffs. A search was made of the surrounding premises but no further trace of the wreckers could be discovered.

By reason of a mistake in the printing of the B. & M. time card, a change was announced to take place Sunday in the time of the west-bound afternoon mail train from Chicago. The old time was 3:52, while the new time was 2:12. The obstruction on the track was arranged for the express purpose of wrecking the fast mail, as it was quite close to the time of the passage of this train when the boys made their discovery. It was at the same spot that a bad smash-up occurred some ten years ago when the south-bound K. C. passenger train crashed into the rear of a construction train. No lives were lost, but the destruction of railroad property was considerable. The fact that the train-wreckers selected a spot so well adapted to making a success of their dastardly scheme, makes it appear that they are residents of this community and are acquainted with the topography of the company's tracks.

The authorities intend to make a thorough investigation of the affair, but it is not thought that they will be able to locate the perpetrators of the damnable scheme.

Fresh new Oregon cider, fit for the gods, at McCourt's.

James E. Murphy was pardoned Christmas eve by Governor Crouse. He had never been in the penitentiary, but was awaiting transportation thither from Seward county, where the court had given eighteen months for assaulting an old man and breaking his leg. The assault was a brutal one, and after breaking the old man's leg Murphy followed him across the street, where he had been taken by friends, and pushed and kicked him. The governor based his action on the large petition from Seward county citizens, and the fact that the man has left destitute his wife and a large family of small children.—Lincoln News.

Dr. E. W. Cook is in receipt of an invitation to the wedding of Mr. Clifton H. Cook to Miss Victorine Evans. The affair will occur at Salem, Ia., on Jan. 2d. The groom is a brother of Dr. Cook, while the bride is a sister of Miss Winona Evans, assistant principal in the local high school. The couple will make their home in Omaha.

Have you tried any of the buckwheat from the Heisel mills? It is the best you have ever used. Try it and satisfy yourself.

AROUND THE COURT ROOMS.

DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Chapman has overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Benedict vs. the Citizens Bank in which the bank was recently accorded a judgment. The plaintiff will prosecute an appeal to the supreme court.

Judgment was rendered in district court today in the plaintiff's favor in suit of the Plattsmouth Loan & Building Association vs. J. L. Farthing, the judgment amounting to \$901.56. A decree of foreclosure was entered and a sale of the mortgaged premises ordered.

COUNTY COURT.

License to wed was issued in county court Wednesday to Mr. Harry Pinkerton of Lincoln and Miss Martha Korn of Louisville.

License to wed was issued in county court Monday to Mr. Jno. Perry and Miss Chrissie Young. The wedding was consummated Tuesday at the residence of the bride's father, L. H. Young, in Mt. Pleasant. Both parties to the marriage were born and reared in Cass county and possess hosts of friends, who will sincerely hope that their wedded life may be replete with much happiness and prosperity.

JUSTICE COURT.

Henry Granger, the printer and book-binder whom Officer Fitzpatrick consigned to the tender mercies of Jailor Denson yesterday, called on Police Judge Archer this morning and in default of payment of a fine of \$1 and costs, was sent back to jail to board it out.

COURT ROOM NOTES.

Judge Chapman has appointed a special committee of the bar, consisting of Lawyers Windham, Sullivan, Beeson and Clark, to draft suitable resolutions in memory of the late T. M. Marquette.

County Superintendent Farley has concluded the labors attendant to making the January semi-annual apportionment of school funds among the 101 school districts in the county. The amount of money is \$5,496.16, the same to be distributed among the various districts according to their school population. The entire population for the county is 8,154 children. The Plattsmouth schools, with a school population of 2,213, receives \$1,132.53.

Sheriff Ekenbary and County Surveyor Hilton journeyed to Rock Bluffs Saturday. The sheriff went to serve some district court papers, while the surveyor's mission was to stake out the lots for some ten or twelve eight-story business blocks which will be built in that place sometime during the next century. Mr. Hilton will get his pay when the buildings are erected and he is ready to wager the entire amount that Andy Fry will be Nebraska's next governor.

Funds for federal juries have been apportioned to Marshal White, and consequently Judge Dundy has notified the grand jury, Captain Alley, foreman, to report for duty at Omaha on January 3. It adjourned to that time when funds ran low. The Capital National bank investigation is to be finished then and other important cases taken up. The grand jury has made many indictments and the prospects are that trials of offenders will consume much of the time of the court next month.

Charles Sherman, of South Omaha, who attempted a hold-up on Phil Kraus, the former Plattsmouth grocer but now of Albright, had his preliminary examination at South Omaha yesterday and was held to the Douglas county district court under a bond of \$3,000. At the time of the assault Kraus pulled a gun and shot Sherman's hat off. Most people did not consider Kraus capable of displaying such nerve, but the fact that the hat was afterwards proven to be Sherman's property materially assisted in holding the thug for trial.

Chas. Hendrickson is serving out a nine days' sentence over with Jailor Denson for helping himself to Lawrence Stull's hay out on the Platte bottom. Hendrickson drove up to one of the Stull hay stacks the other day and very coolly commenced to transfer hay from the stack to the box of his wagon. The Stulls witnessed the proceedings and caused Hendrickson's arrest. Hendrickson stood trial before Justice Archer on Monday and the court found him guilty. The sentence was five days in jail and costs, but Hendrickson was short on funds and the cost bill will cause him to be restrained for four additional days.

THE COUNTY CLOCK.

Judge Chapman Decides That Payment Has Once Been Made.

WRIT OF MANDAMUS DENIED.

A Lingering Suspicion That the Clock Company Will Call Wickersham To Account For Appropriating the Funds—Notes.

The County Wins.

The application of the Seth Thomas Clock company to compel the Cass county commissioners to issue them a warrant in payment of the court house clock, has been denied. The testimony was introduced Friday, and Saturday morning Judge Chapman made an entry on his docket in favor of the county. The court held that the county had previously delivered a warrant to Chas. Wickersham, the clock company's authorized agent, in full payment of the clock. The clock company gave notice of an appeal and the matter will be fought over again in the supreme court. Wickersham, who absconded with the clock funds, is said to be living in St. Joe and there is a lingering suspicion that, in case the appeal case is decided adverse, they will invite Wickersham to whack up or entertain some trouble.

Brutal Shooting at Nebraska City.

John Schmidt shot and fatally wounded Anton Kramer in Nebraska City Saturday night. Schmidt fired five shots, four of which took effect.

Schmidt is undoubtedly insane. Three years ago he was sent from Nebraska City to the insane asylum at Lincoln. After a year's treatment he was discharged as cured. He is an ex-son-in-law of his victim, his wife having secured a divorce some time ago, after Schmidt had chased her around the house with a hatchet. Since Schmidt's return from the asylum he has been very friendly with Kramer. Saturday evening he met the old gentleman near the corner of Sixteenth street and Fourth corner. Smith bade Kramer good evening and immediately pulled a revolver and commenced firing. One shot struck Kramer in the chin, one in the forehead, one in the ear and the last in the back near the spinal column. The latter shot caused paralysis.

Immediately after the shooting Schmidt disappeared. Kramer was carried into his house. Schmidt was arrested later at the Peoria house, where he had taken a room for the night. He expressed no sorrow for the deed and said if he could have found the old woman (meaning his divorced wife) he would have shot her also. Kramer is seventy-five years old and cannot live.

County Attorney Travis' official record is one of which his friends can well feel proud. During his four years term the county, with one exception, has come out first in all of the civil actions waged against it. The one exception was the Louisville bridge case and in this Mr. Travis advised the commissioners, when the question of suit was first broached, that the case would go against them. Mr. Travis' record as a criminal prosecutor is also an excellent one, and if his successor does as well the county can not suffer for lack of a legal adviser, by any means.

All legal business given prompt attention, D. O. Dwyer, attorney, Plattsmouth.

The members of "The Society for the Prevention of the Propagation of Chickens," an organization composed of a set of romantic youths about sixteen years of age, are looking for the fiend who applied the match to their meeting place. The boys dug into the vitals of Mother Earth some place over in the Second ward and fitted up a cave where they could meet and arrange plans to do away with the evils caused by the living of chickens and other fowls. The boys complain that the aforesaid fiend forced his way into the cave yesterday afternoon, while the members were out carrying their chicken-killing schemes into effect, and ruthlessly ruined the place by burning out the roof. The members of the society have strapped an additional "warm board" to their belts and propose to have a full and complete revenge if the identity of the incendiary comes to light.

Headquarters for cheese at Weckbach's grocery.