

Early Blaze Cuts Candy Store and Threatens Hotel

Flames Which Did \$35,000 Damage Checked by Firemen After 4-1/2 Hours' Work—Guests Routed.

For the second time within 10 months the Valley of Sweets candy store, 1509 Farnam street, was gutted by fire early yesterday morning.

The fire was discovered by a man who rushed into the Merchants hotel at 4 and notified the hotel people. The previous fire, February 2, was discovered at the same hour.

The fire department worked from 4 till 4:30 in extinguishing the flames. Nick Gouzas, 612 South Seventeenth avenue, present owner of the place, said his loss is between \$30,000 and \$35,000 and his insurance \$29,200.

The Henderson florist shop, 1507 Farnam street, was damaged to the extent of \$1,000. The second floor of the hotel, Henshaw was damaged about \$5,000.

Mrs. Joseph H. Keenan, wife of the manager of the hotel, was the heroine of the fire. She dressed quickly and rushed to the telephone switchboard where she awakened the guests in every room, told them of the fire and asked them to prepare to leave the building if that became necessary.

An investigation is being made of the cause of the fire which started in the basement.

34 Men Stage Husking Bee

to Help Bedridden Farmer

Madison, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Modern Woodmen of America Camp 485 of Madison, and Farmers Union No. 147, of this city, carried out a corn husking bee for the benefit of Jacob Litch, who has been confined to his bed all fall and was unable to procure help to gather his corn.

Thirty-four men with teams gathered at the home of Mr. Litch Saturday morning and at 5 they had gathered 2,500 bushels of corn covering a 50-acre tract.

The persons participating were: Henry Workmeister, Herman Workmeister, Roy Chittenden, C. S. Snyder, Emil Schwank, John Dierke, James Robinson, Charley Bickley, William Bickley, Guy Bickley, Arthur Bickley, Sefert Peterson, Pete Webb, Melvin Davis, John Fox, William Whitgaw, Edward Neidig, John Funk, Edward Vavrick, Allen Upton, Charles Elley, H. Buettner, Robert Upton, John Jacobson, Elmer Workmeister, Joe Lintner, George Dorr, Edward Neidig and Mr. Christian.

State Cannot Pay Barrows,

Answer to Suit Recites

Lincoln, Nov. 28.—An answer filed today to the suit brought several weeks ago by Lieut. Governor Philam A. Barrows against the state auditor, filing a claim for services as acting governor in the sum of \$925.61, recites that the state has no legal authority to pay a claim of the nature presented by Mr. Barrows, since no legislation has by act, provided appropriation for such an expense.

The answer further recites that Gov. McKelvie drew full salary for the period covered by Mr. Barrows' claim, and that the lieutenant governor has been paid in full for salary in his own position. The pleading concludes with a statement that if the claimant has a cause of action it does not lie against the state.

Wilson Starts Contest

of Matson's Election

Lincoln, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Wade A. Wilson, formerly a federal investigator, candidate for county attorney on the democratic ticket in the recent campaign, instituted a contest today in the county court against the successful republican candidate, County Attorney Charles E. Matson.

Wilson claims that votes cast for him were illegally credited to Matson by the election board.

Matson's majority was 304.

J. E. MacMasters Accused of

Grand Larceny, Bucketing

New York, Nov. 28.—Three indictments charging grand larceny and bucketing was returned against Roy H. MacMasters and his stepfather, John F. MacMasters, connected with the stock brokerage house of R. H. MacMasters & Co., with offices in eight cities which failed last February for \$600,000.

Traffic Can't Be Stopped, Says Liquor Squad Head

More Bootleggers Now Than When Raids Started—Penalties Too Light.

Frank Williams, head of the police morals squad, has battled rum traffic nearly 12 months.

Here's what he says:

"God knows I've tried, but there are more bootleggers today than there were the day I began smashing their joints."

"We need new laws. Penalties are inadequate. 'Everybody's trying to live with out working."

"Congestion both in the office of the county attorney and in the district court of Douglas county are contributing to the halting of justice. If it were not, the county attorney's staff would be prepared to do battle to the booze masters with the aid of the injunction, the federal government's most effective weapon against the traffic."

"More men on my squad wouldn't help. We have all we can do right now, but booze peddling couldn't be stopped if we had 100 agents."

Relates Experiences.

"We could cut it down if the convicts were sent to jail for six months or more, but even then the business would still flourish."

Some of the incidents of Sgt. Williams' fight against booze were related by him yesterday afternoon.

"I came in on December expecting to outsmart the bootleggers and get results with a new attack," he said.

"I believed, as some possibly believe now, that there had been a lack of earnestness somewhere along the line. 'If I smash one still, I'll put out of business at least 20 bootleggers,' I reasoned. 'I was dead sure of it. We went after the stills. You may remember that we tore out 45 in March alone. I saw victory ahead as moonshine whisky rose in price from \$3.50 a gallon to nearly \$12, because I was making it hard to get. Then the distillers moved outside of Omaha and began pouring in their goods from there. The price began to come down. Today there's a world of moonshine on the market at \$3 and that is a monument to the fact that we can't put the stills out of business and"

Fifty Priests Attend

Father Moran's Funeral

Lincoln, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Fifty priests of southeastern Nebraska attended the funeral of Rev. Father Robert F. Moran, pastor of the Blessed Sacrament church of this city, who was killed in an automobile accident here last week.

Father Moran died of injuries resulting when his car collided with a car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Randall.

Bishop Charles J. O'Reilly of the Lincoln diocese had charge of the funeral services.

A corner's inquest here last night found that Father Moran's death was accidental.

Nebraskans Are Granted

Pensions at Washington

Washington, Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska pensions were granted Ellen J. Webb, Callaway, \$30; John Baird, Dubois, \$12; Erick Miller, Omaha, \$12; Melissa, J. Taylor, Union, \$30; Delbert W. Ehrlick, Fremont, \$15; Conrad Nagel, Scottsbluff, \$30; Lydia Boden, Orleans, \$30; Emma J. Koontz, Johnson, \$30; James D. Wolfe, Ulysses, \$12; Ruth B. Pollard, Nebraska City, \$30; Alice R. Mears, Shelton, \$30; Jessie M. Clark, Lincoln, \$30; Anna E. Dubler, Omaha, \$20; Richard E. Puert, Sterling, \$12; Amanda J. Moon, Hastings, \$30; Christina B. Althouse, Omaha, \$30.

Gow Funeral Services.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy A. Gow, 76, native of Nova Scotia, who died at her home, 3515 Poppleton avenue, Sunday, were held yesterday afternoon. She is survived by two sons, Clarence of Nebraska City, and Charles of Omaha; three daughters, Mrs. R. E. Henderson of Norfolk, and Miss Catherine Gow of Omaha, and one sister, Frances Whitman of Nova Scotia.

An American naval commission is being sent to South America to recognize the Brazilian navy. The personnel includes 15 officers and a large staff of enlisted men.



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200 Rum Cases Pending.

Two hundred liquor cases already are in the hands of the county attorney's office awaiting action, Sgt. Williams said.

"The office is swamped with criminal business," he declared. "If his staff could handle more business, it would be possible to invoke the injunction against offenders. But it isn't, and we get the same men three and four times. The heaviest fine we are able to put on them in police court is \$100. That means little to them. If we could bring them down here and send them to jail for six months we would stop a lot of the traffic."

Promises of big profits without work causes a new bootlegger to spring into being every time one is arrested and put out of business, according to the sergeant.

"The desire to obtain without paying, that's the answer in a nutshell," he said.

Failure to wipe out rum hasn't wiped out the sergeant's desire to whip it, he said.

"We are going to keep on giving them all the law we can choke down their throats," he said. "We'll do our best with what we have."

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Grain Moving 50 Per Cent Faster Than Last Year

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 28.—Grain from nearly every section of Nebraska is moving to market approximately 50 per cent faster this fall than it was a year ago. This was discovered by reports filed with the state railway commission from the various railroad companies in the state and contradicted, attaches of the commission's office say, statements that the railroads have been unable to meet the demand of shippers.

Chief complaint from shippers, Commissioner Browne said today, was from the potato-growing region, where cars have been scarce and where, it was said, growers face heavy loss because of car shortage and the prevailing low prices for their product.

Randall to Begin Duties

as Commissioner Soon

Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Randall of Newnan Grove, who recently was elected railway commissioner, announced today he is not going to wait until January 4 to start work on the commission. He declared in a public statement that he has asked certain people at Lincoln to hold up the telephone rate hearing till he gets to Lincoln where he has opened headquarters. He referred to the phone rate proposal as a steal.

"Mystery Girl" in Poisoning of Man

Youth Staggers from Hotel Room and Dies—No Trace of Poisoner.

Los Angeles, Nov. 28.—Murder or suicide?

That was the question the police were asking themselves today as they continued their efforts to solve the death by poison here yesterday of a man registered in a downtown hotel as V. E. Boge of Portland, Ore., and who was believed to be V. E. Boge of Bore, Ore.

Information received from Portland was to the effect the dead man was 22 and unmarried, which, according to the police, only increased their bewilderment over his having written on a hotel register, "V. E. Boge and wife," Portland, Ore. The officers said they were particularly anxious to find "the woman in the case"—if there was one.

Inquire About Mrs. Boge.

Noting the man was unaccompanied, Homer Lawton, the room clerk on duty, inquired about "Mrs. Boge."

"She will be along later with the baggage," the man responded, according to Lawton.

He went to his room and later, ordered luncheon for two to be served there. And an hour laterwards, he staggered out of the apartment and into the arms of a houseman at work in the hallway, crying, "I believe I have been poisoned."

He died in a short time.

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