

### Cass County Is Rocked by Fraud Chagre

Three Officials, Including Sheriff and County Attorney, Indicted by Grand Jury.

Residents of Plattsmouth and Cass county, Nebraska, are agog over the wholesale indictment of county officials and prominent citizens, charging malfeasance in office and fraud which were made public on the adjournment of the first grand jury that has been convened in that county since 1894.

Among those indicted are: Charles C. Parmele, 59, former president of a defunct bank of Cass county; Carl D. Quinton, sheriff of Cass county for the last 13 years; County Attorney A. George Cole, Chief of Police Alvin Jones, Constable William Grebe, Special Agent Fred A. Holmes and Julia Kaufmann.

Two other indictments, one of them of considerable importance, have not been announced by Clerk of the Court James Robertson, because no returns have been made on the indictments.

Parmele, former bank president, was reported to be ill in a room at the Hotel Faxon in Omaha, but was not in his room this morning. Charges against him have grown out of the failure of the bank. Depositors received their money through the state guarantee fund, according to the clerk of the court, but the bank is still in the hands of a receiver.

The first two indictments against him are for alleged forgery, and the third for alleged embezzlement. On this third count, it is charged that he converted to his own use the proceeds of a note for \$1,500.

**Sheriff for Malfeasance.**  
The two indictments against Sheriff Quinton charge him with failing to make an arrest, failing to make the legal quarterly report of fees collected by his office, and charges that on November 23, 1923, he made false reports regarding his fees.

A single indictment charges County Attorney Cole, Constable Grebe and Special Agent Holmes with threatening to arrest and prosecute John Lenz for illegal possession of liquor, forcing him to give them 15 gallons of grape juice.

Chief of Police Jones is charged with malfeasance in office and perjury, through his alleged failure to arrest Julia Kaufmann for violation of the liquor law and for being intoxicated.

Fred A. Holmes was indicted for the arrest of Alex Eaton and Frank Bauer, when in so doing it is alleged he took it upon himself to usurp the duties of the office of the deputy state sheriff.

**Residents Ask Query.**  
The grand jury convened in Plattsmouth, on November 13. It was called after residents had signed a petition asking for it, which was submitted to the district judge. When the jury was called Judge Begley disqualified County Attorney Cole and appointed D. O. Dyer special prosecutor. None of the officials who were indicted have been removed pending the outcome of the cases and no move of that nature has been started, it was declared in Plattsmouth.

Appearance bonds have been obtained on the indictments which have been announced. The \$2,000 bond for the appearance of Parmele was signed by W. G. Boedeker, banker at Murray, Neb., and Frank E. Schlatter, vice president of the First National bank at Plattsmouth. County officials were permitted to use the bonds under which they took their offices.

"Not guilty" pleas by those who are to be arraigned before Judge Begley Saturday are anticipated.

### Farrar to Sing in Auditorium

Prima Donna Barred by Baptist Tabernacle Rented Atlanta City Building.

By Associated Press.  
Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 30.—Geraldine Farrar will sing in Atlanta tonight in the city auditorium. With the down of two church auditoriums closed against her, it appeared until late last night that the diva would be forced to make good her promise to "sing in the streets" in order not to disappoint an Atlanta audience.

The city auditorium had been engaged by Tech High school for a musical program, but those in charge of the entertainment withdrew in favor of Miss Farrar, following a conference with Charles J. Foley, her manager, and postponed the minstrel show to a later date.

Miss Farrar was scheduled to arrive in Atlanta this morning. Miss Farrar appeared in Atlanta three years ago in "Zaza." Her acting in that performance "made it impossible for a chance to permit the use of his facilities for her appearance in concert," according to a formal statement by Dr. John W. Ham, pastor of the Baptist tabernacle, in which he announced that she could not appear in his church's auditorium.

Dr. W. H. Laprade, Jr., presiding elder of the North Atlanta Methodist district, was the first to start proceedings to bar Miss Farrar from a church appearance.

Miss Farrar sang in Birmingham last night. Advance ticket sales early today indicated that she would sing to a crowded house here.

**Mrs. Mary Meyers Dies.**  
Columbus, Neb., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Mary Meyers, 91, a resident of Nebraska since 1871 when with her husband, Leonard Meyers, she came from Winchester, Va., and settled west of Monroe, Neb., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Clark, Oakland, Cal., according to word received today by another daughter, Mrs. Laura E. Conrad, of Monroe. She was active in Monroe society circles and is survived by her two daughters and 11 grandchildren.

**Bicycle Run Over.**  
C. O. Carter, 2545 Avenue D, reported to police that while backing his car away from the Liberty theater last night, he ran over a boy's bicycle standing against the curb. He said he was willing to buy the boy a new bicycle, if he could find the owner.

### Vision of Popular Film Star Impaired



Confined in a dark room in a New York hotel, Gloria Swanson, popular film beauty, is the latest movie luminary to suffer the temporary blindness of the studio known as "killing eyes." The scourge results from being too much in the light used in photographing indoor scenes.

### Coolidge Orders Probe of North Dakota Rates

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Nov. 29.—Acting on the complaints received from Governor Nestos of North Dakota and other citizens of that state, President Coolidge directed the Interstate Commerce commission today to make special inquiry into allegations that increased freight rates on coal mined in North Dakota amounted to a conspiracy to destroy the state mining industry.

**Kenzo Ikeda Dies.**  
Tokyo, Nov. 30.—Kenzo Ikeda, widely known banker of Japan, president of the Tokio Savings bank and of the 100th bank, died here today. He was 68 years old.



Our stock reduction efforts bring you savings that mean substantial savings.

Office Managers Should Look Over Special Sale Values in our Office Furniture

Single Pedestal Flat Top Desks  
In Oak... 29.50 34.50  
In Mah... 30.00 36.00

Double Pedestal Flat Top Desks  
In Oak... 36.50 49.00  
In Mah... 37.50 51.00

Swivel Chairs With Arms  
In Oak... 15.00 18.50  
In Mah... 18.50 24.50

Swivel Chairs Without Arms  
In Oak... 10.50 15.00  
In Mah... 11.50 18.00

Orchard & Wilhelm Co.  
Sixteenth and Howard Streets

### Alleged \$20,000 Diamond Packet Signed for by Alleged Hoffman, So It's All Settled, Says Van Deusen

Charles H. Van Deusen, chief of detectives, doesn't see what all the argument is about. He said so Friday morning in response to questions concerning the real identity of the man known on police records as William Hoffman, to whom diamonds said to be valued at \$20,000 were given because (1) he reported the loss of some diamonds; and (2) because he was willing to sign for them.

"But this man Hoffman, who is he? Where does he live?"  
"Why, he lives in Chicago."  
"How do you know his name is Hoffman?"  
"All Cleaned Up."  
"Well, his name may not be Hoffman, but I have always known him as Hoffman."  
"How about his being a friend of Commissioner Dunn?"  
"Is he? I don't know. So far as I'm concerned, the case is cleaned up, until the men who robbed him are caught. He wouldn't prosecute. He got his diamonds back and we've got his receipts. What more do you want?"

Introduced by Husband.  
Mrs. C. H. McGreer, wife of an Omaha pill box officer, at the entrance of whose apartment Hoffman is alleged to have been slugged and robbed, by three armed men, said this morning that she knows Hoffman; that he was introduced to her by her husband.  
"Do you know a man named Seelenfreund?"  
"I never heard of him."  
Effort was made, following return of the diamonds, to establish Hoffman's identity as that of William Seelenfreund, a Lincoln man.  
"Sure Was Robbed."  
"What does Hoffman do?" Mrs. McGreer was asked.

"I've talked too much already," he said. He declined to say whether Seelenfreund was back at work.  
Thursday at Lincoln, in a talk with William Phillips of the Wales Adding Machine company of Omaha, Warner told Phillips that Hoffman and Seelenfreund were one and the same man, according to Mr. Phillips.  
Agency of the insurance company where Seelenfreund was alleged to have presented a claim for the loss of the diamonds, could not be located at Lincoln Friday.

Detective Ben Danbaum, to whose hotel address the diamonds were returned by an unidentified man, was unable to throw any light on the whereabouts of Hoffman, to whom the diamonds were given, in exchange for his receipt.  
Commissioner Dan Butler, former head of the police department, wants the whole situation worked into a mystery movie drama, with an all-star cast, including Commissioner Henry W. Dunn, William Hoffman, William Seelenfreund, Detective Danbaum, Chief of Detectives Van Deusen and Mrs. McGreer and her daughter. Don't forget the Classified ads.

"He is a diamond broker."  
"Where does he live?"  
"In Chicago."  
"Did he have any diamonds?"  
"He certainly was."  
"Did they attempt to take anything from you?"  
"They did not."  
"Where were you at the time?"  
"My daughter and I had gone up a few steps into the apartment. Mr. Hoffman was standing at the bottom. We turned to say goodnight, and we heard a man say 'Stick 'em up' and Mr. Hoffman screamed and we saw he had been hit. We took him up to the apartment, and in the excitement, called police."  
"I don't know."  
"What was the value of the diamonds?"  
"I don't know."  
"Where did Hoffman go?"  
"I don't know."  
"He disappeared?"  
"Well, I don't know where he is."  
"Do you expect to hear from him?"  
"Sometime, yes. I see no reason why he should be in touch with us. He's just a friend of the family."  
"Are you living with your husband?"  
"No."  
"Why not?"  
"Well, we are good friends, but we don't live together."  
Edward M. Warner, vice president of the Continental State bank at Lincoln, who was quoted Thursday to the effect that it was William Seelenfreund, cashier of the bank, who was slugged and robbed, and not Hoffman, this morning refused to talk on the subject.

### HERZBERGS 1519-1521 Douglas St. Entrance Floor Specials for Saturday

A Sale of Finely Made Night Gowns \$1.45 Values to \$2.50

Gowns of soft crepe in tailored styles with self and contrasting trimmings. Hand embroidery, French knots, and novelty stitching. Nainsook muslin gowns with lace and ribbon trimmings. Every gown was made to sell at a much higher price. They are cut long and full.

Morning Special Till 12 o'Clock CHIFFON HOSE \$1

Full fashioned all silk and Hilo top chiffon hose that are slightly imperfect, so slight one can hardly detect the blemish. Decidedly unusual values.

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Gotham Gold Stripe Invisibles \$1

A spot which cannot be seen when worn under silk stockings and which affords ample protection against all sorts of weather.

Gotham Gold Stripe Hose \$2

Extreme values—shown in black or brown. The silk stocking that wears. Buy them by the box.

Slip-on Sweaters \$3.95 Long Bloomers \$1.95

Brushed wool in tan with contrasting borders, Peggy collars, very smart.

Novelty striped materials in dark colors—most excellent values.

### HERZBERGS 1519-1521 Douglas St. Now On-- Choice of the House Sale of Footwear

Values to \$15 \$6.45 All Sizes

An event unparalleled in local retailing at this early date. Virtually thousands of pairs of Quality Pumps and Oxfords go in this sale without regard to former selling prices.

Every new leather and combination, every desired color, newest strap effects, all heels and toes.

Choose from the entire Herzberg stock without reserve.

Plenty of extra salespeople to give prompt service.

We urge you to be here early Saturday morning.

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### Style without Extravagance HERZBERGS 1519-1521 Douglas St. Buying Activity Reaches New Bounds In Our Annual After Thanksgiving Sales

Today's response to our special after Thanksgiving offerings far exceeded our expectations. Saturday will see even greater crowds.

Wonderful Sale of Gorgeous Fur-Trimmed COATS \$44

Creations that are distinctively new—rich in every detail. Coats and Wraps worth very much more money.

MATERIALS: Lustrous Normandy Raritan, Francine Brytonia Sports Fabrics

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Fourth Floor

If you live within a buying radius of this store you should get your share of these money savings.

Here Is Omaha's Greatest Sale of FROCKS \$19

Bewitching modes—Dresses for your every need, street, afternoon, dance or dinner. Shrewd shoppers are buying two and three.

Satins Cantons Flat Crepes Moire Crepes Laces Lizard Crepes Poret Tuills Charmeen Beautiful Combinations

Manufacturers gave us wonderful co-operation and exceptional price concessions to make this one of the greatest sales of the year.

The magnitude of this event cannot possibly be realized until you actually see the dresses and compare their style, quality and value.

Sixth Floor