

DIXMIDE CREW MUTINIED, BELIEF

Canada Is New Skinner Receiver

Minden (Neb.) Farmer Is Named to Help Straighten Out Affairs of Packing Firm.

Is Farm Body President

Joseph S. Canady, Minden, Neb., appointed auxiliary receiver of the Skinner Packing company by Judge Fitzgerald yesterday, is a retired farmer and for the last 12 years has been president of the Nebraska Co-Operative Grain and Livestock association.

When the subsidiary irrigation project began to be agitated, Mr. Canady became and has continued to be an active worker for the success of the undertaking.

His appointment marks the change of litigation involving the big company from federal to state court. Following his appointment Mr. Canady announced that he will fight any forced sale of the South Omaha property and that he believes stockholders may eventually realize considerable money from the property.

He is not a stockholder in the Skinner company, but is familiar with its history, and William H. Miller, attorney for the company, offered no objection to his appointment.

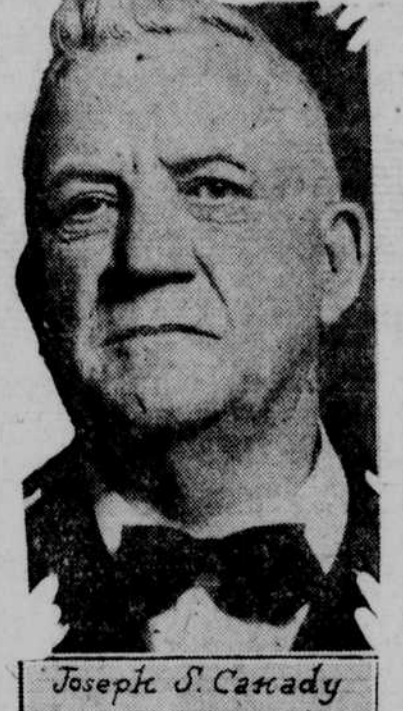
On May 23, 1921, Eugene L. Bodge of Portland, Me., and Keith Neville of Nebraska were appointed joint receivers of the Skinner Packing company by the supreme judicial court of Maine for the purpose of "protecting and conserving the property of the company."

Neville Discharged. Neville was discharged as receiver on his own motion in federal court here, and on November 26 the Maine court consented to discharge him, but specified that Bodge remain as receiver.

The court directed Bodge to apply for an ancillary receivership in Nebraska.

The court specified that Mr. Canady, the new receiver, shall receive \$25 a day for the time he actually spends at his duties pertaining to the receivership.

Court Appoints New Skinner Receiver



Attorneys Are Urged to Fight Unrest in Land

Lincoln Judge Warns State Bar Body Constitution Is Menaced—Munger Declares Courts Respected.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—A warning that insidious forces were attacking the constitution and that they would gather force unless constant vigilance was observed, was issued today by District Judge E. P. Holmes, Lincoln, president of the Nebraska Bar association, in the opening address to a meeting of that organization which is meeting in convention.

As a part of the convention, District Attorney J. C. Kinler, Omaha, met with county attorneys to work out plans for the enforcement of prohibition laws. He declared that it was planned to have both the county and state bring charges against liquor violators, and after they had passed sentence, the federal government would take over and should the charges warrant such action.

The chief speaker tomorrow will be former Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois.

Nebraskan Is Honored

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Association of News Bureaus re-elected its officers today. They include secretary, treasurer, Miss A. C. Hunter, Nebraska Wesleyan university, Lincoln.

Forgery Suspect Breaks Jail at Beaver City

Beaver City, Neb., Dec. 28.—James Phillips, Denver, broke jail last night while awaiting trial on a charge of perjury. He and a companion, Edna Ferguson, Denver, were arrested at Cambridge and brought here. The woman is held on a vagrancy charge. Some one unlocked the jail with a key. Other prisoners were not disturbed.

Albion Couple Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Albion, Neb., Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand F. Clark celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day. They were married at Ottawa, Ill., and after farming for eight years in Illinois they came to Albion, Neb., where they are now residing. They reared a family of six children, all of whom were present, together with 11 grandchildren. Mr. Clark is 72 and Mrs. Clark 71.

Speed Up Payments for Roads

State Highway Department Gets Out Voucher for \$134,000 and U. S. Engineers Give It O. K. Goes to Omaha Firm

By R. H. PETERS, Staff Correspondent of the Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Dec. 28.—Rapid developments are resulting from the investigation of the delay in payment for roads started by The Omaha Bee.

The senate investigating committee, by its telegram to Washington, secured prompt attention. Senator Robbins said tonight that he heard Chairman Wilkins and Senator Eganning would hold a public hearing January 8 in the state treasurer's office, at which Governor Bryan would be invited to present proof of the deficiency he claims.

If there is further delay in the payment of state road vouchers by the federal government the fault will not lie with federal officials here or in Omaha.

Federal engineers are to be brought in from Iowa and Kansas, and from Missouri as well, if necessary, to assist engineers of the Nebraska district.

\$134,000 Voucher Approved. To hasten vouchers through the Lincoln office, the federal engineer, J. C. Wonders of Omaha, was here today. As a partial result of his visit a voucher for \$134,000, which was released last night by the state department of public works, was approved today by both him and the federal engineer here, Mr. Weldon, and was mailed tonight to Washington.

The voucher was for a portion of the 12-mile stretch of road known as the Military highway, which runs northwest from Omaha through Irvington and Berlington. Clifford Shoemaker, senior highway engineer of the Washington bureau of public works, who has been sent to Omaha to accelerate Nebraska's claims, declared tonight that he confidently expected that payment would be made in Washington by January 2.

The federal highway is being paid for jointly by the federal government and Douglas county and the \$134,000 will not apply on deficiency claims now in the state auditor's office.

State Changes Usual System. Asked if the state had to pay contractor's claims in full, before the federal government would remit, Shoemaker, who was here with Wonders, said that it was usual for the state to pay the contractor and then reimburse itself with federal money, but that federal engineers did not question what the state had done in the way of payment before sending in vouchers submitted to them.

"The federal government is not so slow in paying as most people imagine," Shoemaker said. "There has been some lag in the Lincoln office and perhaps we can be blamed for that, but we are making every effort to get these claims through as rapidly as possible. There will be no more delays because of us."

Combed in Hunt for Doctor

(Geddes, S. D., Dec. 28.—No clue as to the whereabouts of Dr. Ed. Fyle has been found. A reward of \$250 has been posted by relatives of the missing doctor. At a mass meeting it was decided to begin arrangements for an extended searching party to be gathered from this locality and the towns between here and Sioux City to make a search of the river territory between Yankton and Sioux City.

Relatives have arranged to meet detectives in Sioux City tomorrow and work out a definite plan of action.

Wholesale Jail Break Frustrated

Plot for Delivery From Missouri Penitentiary Nipped in Bud by Prison Authorities. Were Tunneling Way Out

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 28.—A plot for a wholesale delivery at the Missouri penitentiary here was nipped by prison authorities today when a search revealed the beginning of a tunnel, under the floor of the twine factory, in the extreme south end of the prison grounds and is only about 25 feet from the outside wall.

About 70 convicts work in the factory and had the plan proved successful the break might have been the largest in the history of the penitentiary.

Working on a tip, Warden Johnson Crawford had a number of guards search for the outlet to the tunnel and after several hours the men found a cleverly sawed place in the floor of the factory in which the boards cut out had been replaced. Beneath the floor the searchers discovered the prisoners had started the tunnel.

Hidden in it the found a shovel, a pick, a crowbar, a length of rope, an electric flashlight, a hand saw, a supply of food and several bottles of liquid which smelled like turpentine, but which the officials believe may be some sort of explosive.

The convicts who were engineering the break would have had to dig only about 30 feet to emerge outside the south prison wall.

Pleasanton Couple Are Wed Sixty Years Pleasanton, Neb., Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. James Pearson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home. There were 70 relatives and friends present, of whom six were their children, Robert Pearson, Albert Pearson, William Pearson, Mrs. D. Phillips, Mrs. R. S. Kroffth and Mrs. James Hendrickson.

We'll Have to Hurry If We Finish All We Planned to Do This Year



Receiver Files Appeal in Walton Bank Case

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—Receiver Whitney of the closed Farmers and Merchants bank of Walton, this county, has filed a brief in the supreme court, denying that any liability under the deposit guarantee act exists with respect to the claim of the United States Fidelity and Guarantee company for \$7,594.

The bank was operated by L. A. Berge, cashier. He was also the administrator for the estate of William Schultz, and as such there came into his hands the sum of \$5,854. He deposited it in the bank to his credit as administrator, and the next day drew it out. What he did with it is not revealed.

Berge disappeared and is now a fugitive from justice. The surety company made good the defalcation and now seeks to hold the bank and state guarantee fund responsible, on the ground that the bank knew of Berge's defalcation, Berge, it says, being to all intents the bank itself. The lower court held in favor of the receiver, and the guarantee company appealed.

Bedbug Bite Held No Cause for Damages Lincoln, Dec. 28.—A bite from a bedbug may cause infection and subsequent disability, but it does not furnish cause for action under the workmen's compensation law, according to a ruling made today in the case of William Alexander against the Woods Brothers Construction company.

In a petition for compensation, Alexander declares that while sleeping on a steamboat owned by the Woods brothers he was bitten by a bedbug. Infection set in and he was disabled. For this he asked compensation, pleading that he had been injured in the course of employment.

Labor commissioner L. B. Egan dismissed the case on the ground that it was not an accident within the meaning of the law.

The Day in Washington

Edward P. Farley resigned as chairman of the shipping board. Commissioner Henry C. Hall of Colorado was elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The Department of Commerce public figures showing an increase in volume of foodstuffs imported. Director Hines of the veterans' bureau reopened question of the Livermore (Cal.) veterans' hospital.

Woodrow Wilson celebrating his 67th birthday, received an automobile from friends who withheld their names.

The census bureau issued figures to show the cities of the country are failing to live with their incomes.

The ways and means committee made public the new revenue bill in the form it was submitted by Secretary Mellon.

Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee recommended changes in the merchant marine policies to President Coolidge.

Final Rites Are Said for Judge McHugh

Funeral services for former Judge W. D. McHugh, which were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Baird, 316 North Forty-first street, yesterday, were largely attended by former associates from all walks of life. Rev. E. H. Jenks was in charge of the services.

"The soul of man is like a little puddle of muddy water after a rain which reflects the fleeced azure of the heavens. It is a mirror for some of the meaner things of the world, but it is also a mirror for the noblest things of the world."

A large group of prominent Omaha artists, former associates of Judge McHugh, attended the services. Prominent artists and others were also in evidence.

Kearney Farmer and Wife Held for Resisting Arrest Kearney, Neb., Dec. 28.—Charges of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor have been filed against Anton Muegel, north of Kearney, coupled with the charge of resisting an officer as the result of a raid on his place. Mrs. Muegel is also charged with resisting an officer.

It is alleged that the Muegels attacked the arresting officers in an attempt to destroy a large quantity of mash, by pouring it out of a window. The federal officer and sheriff, engaged in the raid, were compelled to draw a gun before Muegel would submit to arrest.

Carbolic Acid Used on Baby by Mistake, Causing Death Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 28.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Cuthbert of Beatrice, died a few hours after birth under rather peculiar circumstances. It is said that Dr. Potter, attending physician, told the grandmother, Mrs. Sandman, to apply olive oil to the child's body, but who, by mistake, took a bottle of carbolic acid and applied the contents before the error was discovered.

Commander Thrown Off Ship, Report

Ministry of Marine Officially Admits Giant Dirigible Has Fallen Into the Mediterranean. Recover Captain's Body

Paris, Dec. 28.—It is rumored tonight that, scuttling the end of the Dixmude, the crew mutinied and threw their commander, Capt. Plessis De Grenedan, overboard.

It is now 10 days since the Dixmude started on its fatal voyage. It has been lost since last Saturday night. The sole evidence of its fate until late tonight was the finding of the body of Captain Grenedan off the coast of Sicily by Italian fishermen. Yet when the body was found it bore evidence of having been in the water for at least three days.

That would mean that either the Dixmude was lost in the tempest of Saturday night, when according to the wireless received, it should have been over the Algerian desert, or that the captain was thrown overboard since it is manifestly absurd that the commander of the airship should have jumped overboard in the face of peril especially as De Grenedan was known as one of the most fearless officers in the air service.

But at 11 tonight the wife of Sergeant Hamon, a member of the crew received a telegram from her husband stating he had been rescued off the coast of Tripoli. No other information was given.

At that time the ministry of marine announced it was ready to admit the airship had fallen into the Mediterranean.

Bryan's Economy Boast Is Blamed by Audit Report

State Expenses for First Six Months This Year Greater Than Same Period in 1922.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—Claims of Governor Bryan that he is saving Nebraska's taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars through economies effected in the code departments, revealed a rude shock today when the auditor's department made public a comparison of expenses for the first six months of the Bryan regime with those for former Governor McKelvie for the first half of 1922.

In a carefully itemized statement, the department shows that the governor has actually spent more in some departments where he claimed a saving, than did McKelvie, and that the total saving, exclusive of the department of public works, is only \$27,585, or less than 1 cent per \$1,000,000 valuation on the assessed valuation of the state.

The Bryan comparison, which he used to support his propaganda of economy, and which showed a material reduction of the staff of the code departments, was between 1921 and 1922. The figures were convincing until the year 1922 was figured, when it was shown that a large number of employees presumably dismissed by Bryan had been chipped by the former governor.

Finance Expense Up. In the department of finance, which has maintained its inability to issue a statement of road vouchers drawn on the federal government and which, nevertheless, produced them for use by the governor yesterday, the expense of operation has gone up \$4,000. This figure does not include a special expenditure of \$2,578.70 for the publication of the Blue Book which is omitted that the comparison may be fair to both administrations.

The governor recently claimed, as one of his greatest savings, the reduced expense of the department of public works, due to the dismissal of a number of employees. The auditor's comparison shows the expense of the department for the first six months of 1923 to be \$80,161.18, whereas that of the same period in 1922 was \$114,590.24, or an apparent saving of \$34,429.06. However, the department of public works spent for material and road construction during the same period in 1923 \$374,063.27, while McKelvie's road builders required \$1,772,753.59 to pay for the materials and labor demanded by their extensive program.

Governor Bryan is not doing road work, and his 45 per cent curtailment in the road building program is applied to the expense of the department during the first half of 1923, the expense figure totals \$63,189.63, which should be the true figure of expense in 1923 instead of the \$80,161.18 paid out. This discrepancy between the curtailment program and the expense of the department, which amounts to \$17,000, is not explained by Governor Bryan, who contents himself with announcing a "material saving to the taxpayers of the state."

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The Weather

For 24 hours, ending 1 p. m. December 28:	
Temperature, highest 47; lowest, 23.	Mean, 37.
Normal, 23. Total excess since January 1, 6.88.	
Precipitation, 0.	
Total 0; total inches and hundredths, 0.	
Hourly Temperature.	
8 a. m. 47	11 a. m. 46
9 a. m. 46	12 m. 45
10 a. m. 45	1 p. m. 44
11 a. m. 43	2 p. m. 42
12 noon 41	3 p. m. 41

SUNNY SIDE UP

Joe Oberfelder of Sidney, in a recent conversation with me, he explained the reason of Henry Ford's animosity towards the Jews. "Henry hated us Jews," remarked Joe, "because we make more money selling second hand cars than Henry makes selling new ones."

Joe also took me in his confidence on a matter of business. He told me confidentially that just as soon as the Ku Klux Klan got on a paying basis the Jews were going to buy it.

Cullen Wright, whose business is to conduct a bank, but whose delight is to officiate as toastmaster at a banquet, is making a reputation as both. But some friends played a mean trick on him recently. Cullen always prepares himself beforehand when notified that he is to be a toastmaster, thus enabling himself to fit in just right. He was invited to officiate at a toastmaster at a banquet, and told that it was to be a stag affair. He arranged for it on that basis. But to his surprise he was confronted by a big array of diners of both sexes. Mutual friends tell me that Cullen was a great diva of blood between the time of sitting down to dine and arising to officiate. But he got by in fine style. He always does.

District Judge Peter J. Barron, whose home is in Scottsbluff, is an ex-cupboard man, ex-printer and one of the best chess players in the west. They tell me out here that the lawyers know how to get by. When a lawyer has a case due in the morning and is not ready for trial, he gets some friend to challenge Judge Barron for a chess game. By the time the game is finished the hour set for trial has gone by and the next case

Called, I don't believe it, but that's what I've been told.

To me one of the most interesting characters I come in contact with is a conductor on the North Platte valley branch of the Union Pacific. His name is Morey, and he has been railroading for 30 years. He is a high official of his brotherhood, and one of the best informed men in the middle west. I've had a lot of fun on several occasions by steering some presumptuous individual up against Conductor Morey and getting the two into a discussion. Courteous at all times, Morey has made friends of everybody along the branch. If all railroad employes with whom the public comes in contact were as courteous and obliging as this particular conductor, there would be less complaint.

Speaking of courtesy reminds me of an incident that happened several years ago. A number of passengers, myself among the number, were waiting for a late train at a little station in Nebraska. The weather was bitter cold and the depot frightfully uncomfortable. We could get no information from the tired and over-worked station agent. Finally I suggested to the agent that he might exert himself a bit and get some information about the train. He curtly told me he didn't have time. Turning to a man past middle age who was standing near I remarked that it was possible to visit his quarters at Omaha and get more courtesy and information from President Mohler than it was possible to get at this particular station. "Yes, and that's one of the reasons why Mohler is president," was the reply. Worth thinking over, isn't it?

No Christmas "Rush" for Permits to Wed Fremont, Dec. 28.—Santa Claus was apparently good to everyone except the Dodge county marriage license bureau. In previous years the holiday usually brought a rush of customers for permits to wed, but the enactment of the new license law, this past Christmas failed to bring in a solitary couple.

Several Fremont couples were married during the past 10 days but none of them purchased their permits in Dodge county. They were married in Iowa in every case.

Since the new law has gone into effect Judge Wintersteen, in charge of the office, has officiated at only one marriage.

Ah-ha! Truth Is Out!

Football Team Says Rum Charges False 'Twas Aqua Pura in Jug

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 28.—Water which passed between the Grand Island football players in the Thanks giving day game 76 a jug, was confused with "liquor passed in a bottle," and the confusion, by Dr. C. A. Phillips, Hastings dentist, led to false charges before the state board of education of Nebraska high school athletics, according to further details of Grand Island's defense given out here today.

Affidavits of Dean Elth of the Grand Island Baptist college, by Mr. Marsh, the man who carried the water, by Dr. Earle Farnsworth, and others, entirely exploded the liquor charge against the team.

It is significantly set forth that Dr. Phillips' charges assert a criminal act. All charges are grouped into five main ones and the Grand Island school is now ready to have its hearing of the case, and to resist the request to be ousted from the circuit.

Still Still Warm When Law Finds It

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 28.—A marked \$20 bill, which purchased two gallons of liquor at the Frank Mladek place, north of Kearney, resulted in the arrest of Mladek on a charge of sale and illegal possession and John Dozmand on a charge of illegal possession. Several gallons of liquor on the place were confiscated.

Suspecting that the liquor had been manufactured on the Edward White place, north of Miller, officers after a lengthy search located a still carefully hidden in a tubful of wild plum bushes. The still was the best taken by local officers since the Volstead act was passed. White insisted that it was a "plant." Three barrels of mash were destroyed. The still was again when found.

Married in Council Bluffs The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: Merle Elliott, Youngstown, O. 24; Mary Sellers, Graveland, Ia. 22; William Grant, Bloomfield, Neb. 22; Richie Shellenberg, Dodge, Neb. 22; Houston Peterson, Atoka, Ia. 22; Margaret Wissneck, Ferris, Ia. 22; John Powers, Fort Hays, Mo. 24; Anna May Miller, Boston, Mass. 24; William Bradford, Omaha 25; Nellie Helms, Omaha 25; Louis Meyer, Omaha 25; George Taylor, Omaha 25; Luther Stewart, Falls City, Neb. 24; Anna Warner, Omaha 24; Owen Davenport, Milligan, Neb. 22; Marie Novosck, Milligan, Neb. 22; Adolph Dietz, Omaha 22; Eva Phelps, Omaha 22.

Dozen Nebraskans Seek to Wed in Sidney, Ia. Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 28.—Christmas holidays brought a rush of Nebraskans to the Iowa Greta Green, Sidney, for marriage licenses. Among them were: Walter Kruse, Sidney, Ia. 24; Caroline Helm, Sidney, Ia. 24; Elizabeth Buchanan, Unionville, Ia. 24; Leonard A. Seckman, Unionville, Ia. 24; Blanche V. Mori, Unionville, Ia. 24; Mabel Alexander, Unionville, Ia. 24; James Armstrong, Unionville, Ia. 24; Fern E. Delos Denier, Unionville, Ia. 24; Terma A. Langenhorn, Unionville, Ia. 24; Leona Roberts, Unionville, Ia. 24.

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