

Court Speed Promised by Fitzgerald

New Presiding Judge of District Court Takes Over Reins; Confers With County Attorney.

Policy of speedy trials for all persons bound over to district court from municipal court on criminal charges was announced by District Judge James Fitzgerald when he took over the presiding bench in district court Saturday, relieving Judge Charles A. Goss.

Judge Fitzgerald was elected presiding judge for the coming year at a meeting of judges New Year's day. Beginning next week, Judge Fitzgerald announced, two criminal courts will be in operation, and more courts will be devoted to criminal cases if necessary, in order to clear the criminal docket, he said.

"Hereafter persons bound over to the district court will be tried within 30 days from the date of their preliminary hearing in municipal court," Judge Fitzgerald said.

After a conference with the county attorney, he promised action in the near future on nine murder cases now pending on the district court docket, and on the case of Joseph Guzewec, who probably will be bound over to district court Monday, charged with the slaying of Detective Frank Aughe.

New Kick Filed on Car Service

Supplemental Complaint Sent to State Railway Board at Lincoln.

Supplemental complaint was sent Saturday by Attorney Ralph G. Coad to the state railway commission on behalf of the West Leavenworth Improvement club, and covering other features of alleged inadequate street car service than those referred to in a hearing before the commission this week.

The new complaint states that service on West Leavenworth street does not meet the demands during rush hours; that the traction company has failed to give service on the Ak-Sar-Ben extension except during the times when there are activities at the Ak-Sar-Ben field; that the Benson and Florence service is insufficient, and that cars marked "Florence" and "West Leavenworth" are often stopped before reaching those destinations and passengers required to take a following car, and that the Cross-town and North Thirtieth street service should be improved.

The improvement club requests the railway commission to hold its next hearing during the evening, that working people may have an opportunity to testify.

Irish Boundary Dispute Up.

London, Feb. 2.—Premier Macdonald Friday began his efforts to settle Ireland's family quarrel concerning the boundary between the free state and Ulster, presiding at his initial conference with William T. Cosgrave and James Craig and their legal advisers.

Ulster thus far has flatly refused to appoint a member for the boundary commission to adjust the dispute as provided for in the Anglo-Irish treaty two years ago. The free state adheres to the treaty. It is understood that Premier Macdonald also insists on carrying out the provisions of the pact, and that while acting as conciliator he will throw his weight back of the free state in an effort to persuade Ulster to complete the membership of the commission.

Insurance Query Urged.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 2.—Inquiry into the affairs of the state insurance department is demanded in a resolution prepared today for presentation in the senate by Senator C. S. Brown of Jackson county, who charged that the department has spent large sums of money to help conceal "irregularities" that "some companies have paid illegal dividends" and that some fire and hail insurance companies of Iowa do not come under the "blue sky law."

2 Fined for Theft.

Bera Ramez, 5105 South Twenty-fourth street and Manuel Anaya, 4826 South Twenty-sixth street, were fined \$15 each in South Omaha municipal court Saturday, charged with attempting to steal an electric iron from the E. R. Joes Electric company.

Approve Claims Convention.

Mexico City, Feb. 2.—(By Radio via Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)—The senate today ratified by a vote of 28 to 14 the text of the United States-Mexico claims convention.

Lewisohn Ordered to Pay Wife \$75 Week

New York, Feb. 2.—Ludwig Lewisohn, author and lecturer, declared in affidavits filed Friday with county clerk that one of his books was autobiographical and contained references to his wife which were written intentionally as a kindly farewell to a relation which had brought no one happiness.

At the time the book was written Mrs. Lewisohn, who is suing for a separation, acted as her husband's secretary, and the "farewell" passages were dictated to her.

Supreme Court Justice Guy awarded Mrs. Lewisohn \$75 a week alimony pending the outcome of her suit. In his answering affidavits to the motion for alimony Mr. Lewisohn stated it was not his intention to contest his wife's action. He alleged that he was married to her when she was 19 years older and the mother by a previous marriage of four children, the eldest of whom was but three years his junior.

Locomotive Blows Up



Three of the engine crew lost lives when locomotive (above) exploded in Pittsburgh & Erie railroad yard at Aliquippa (near Pittsburgh, Pa.). None of the passengers in train were hurt.

New Toy in Paris Named Patticycle



A new toy has made its appearance in Paris. It is a new form of roller skate called the patticycle. Photo shows a French boy trying it out on the Champs Elysees.

Joe Kaiser Dies in South Omaha

Joe Kaiser, 77, died Saturday at his home, 2717 Drexel street, after an illness of seven weeks. He had been a resident of South Omaha for 42 years and formerly was employed at the Armour plant.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Joseph and John Kaiser, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Goodrich and Mrs. Frank Foley of Omaha.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 8:30 at the home, and at 9 at St. Agnes church. Burial will be in St. Mary Magdalene cemetery.

Obregon Grieves for Lenin.

Moscow, Feb. 2.—The only direct message of sympathy on the death of Lenin received from any national executive reached Moscow Friday. The message was from President Obregon of Mexico and addressed to the federal congress of soviets. It read: "We are grieved at the death of Lenin, leader of the international labor movement."

Fire Cause Unknown.

John Trouton, fire warden, after investigating the fire at the Food Center, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, yesterday announced that the almost complete destruction of the lower floor of the store effaced all evidence as to the origin of the blaze.

3 Persons Hurt in Car Crashes

Woman of 70 Believed Fatally Injured as Result of Auto Crash.

Three persons were injured in automobile accidents in Omaha Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Krajcek, 76, 1806 South Twelfth street, was taken to St. Joseph hospital shortly after 7 this morning, suffering from a fractured shoulder, bruises and possible internal injuries received when she is said to have walked into the side of an automobile driven by Arthur Altman, 511 South Twenty-third street, at Thirtieth and Center streets.

Mrs. Altman and Altman's brother, Ben, were in the car at the time. Injuries May Be Fatal.

At the hospital, it was said that Mrs. Krajcek's injuries probably will cause death.

B. F. Gray, 101 Park avenue, suffered bruises and possibly several fractured ribs when he was struck by a car driven by Mrs. J. E. Boyle, 4158 Wakeley street, at Park avenue and Farnam street.

Gray was about to board a street car at the time. He was removed to Nicholas Senn hospital, and later was taken to the Veterans' bureau hospital.

Boy at Play Hurt.

Sam Circo, 7, son of Sebastiano Circo, 1113 William street, was bruised this morning while playing in front of his home, when he was struck by an automobile driven by G. E. Gaumer, 2116 California street. He was attended by a police surgeon and left at his home.

Packers Offer Workers Stock

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Employees of Wilson and company, packers, today were offered an opportunity to increase their ownership in the company, while the company removes a portion of its obligations from banks to its own banks.

A new stock issue including two new classes of stock, was announced, to provide special facilities for investment by employees.

Prior preference and class "A" stock are the new issues, taking place in dividend preference between the present preferred and common stock issues.

A large number of stockholders the company announced have indicated their approval of the plan, which will be acted on at the stock holders meeting February 27.

Two Fire Calls at South Omaha

Fire originating from chimney sparks Friday damaged the home of C. Gillespie, 4403 South Twenty-second street.

Fire department also was called to the Stenner shoe company, 5027 South Twenty-sixth street, where a defective oil burner had filled the store with smoke.

Greenwood Fire Causes Thirty Thousand Loss

Greenwood, Neb., Jan. 24.—The First National bank of Greenwood, postoffice and the Ernest Smith drug store adjoining were burned this morning with a loss estimated at \$30,000. The bank, postoffice and drug store occupy a one-story brick building in the principal block of the town. Two other establishments in the building were not damaged by the fire.

Firemen succeeded in confining the blaze to a partition in the basement.

Bank and Drug Store Destroyed as Volunteer and Nearby Town Firemen Fight Blaze.

Water and smoke damaged new cars on display on the ground floor, which was occupied by the Haynes Automobile agency.

\$15,000 CLOTHING DAMAGED BY FIRE

A stock of clothing and men's furnishings valued at \$15,000 was considerably damaged by smoke from a fire that originated from an overheated furnace in the basement at 4901 South Twenty-fourth street.

Meyer Trudel is owner of the stock, and Epstein brothers are owners of the building.

Radio Amazes Seminole Indians



Surprise and approval were registered on the usually grave faces of these Seminole Indians when boy scouts introduced them to radio near Miami, Fla.

Grain Exchange Is 20 Years Old

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Omaha Grain exchange, a radio program was broadcast Friday night from station WAAW at the exchange.

Frank J. Taylor, president of the exchange, gave the principal talk. Other speakers were E. C. Twamley, J. W. Holmquist, A. H. Bewsher, C. Vincent, M. C. Peters, E. E. Huntley, John Anderson, door man, and Lee Leslie, Price Current editor, also were of the first on the staff.

A prize of \$10 is offered to the person living the farthest from Omaha who received the program and sends in the best slogan on the evening's entertainment.

Jesse Thurmond of Eugene, Ore., arrived in Omaha Saturday to join Mrs. Thurmond, who is now a visitor here. Mr. Thurmond will remain two weeks.

Seventeenth Infantry Band Played.

The original members of the exchange were N. B. Uptake, E. C. Twamley, O. P. Peck, J. W. Holmquist, A. H. Bewsher, E. A. Cope, C. Vincent, M. C. Peters and E. E. Huntley. John Anderson, door man, and Lee Leslie, Price Current editor, also were of the first on the staff.

Benefits of the Insurance Engineer Not Fully Realized

"The position of Insurance Engineer is comparatively a new development," according to Mr. Harris, insurance engineer of The Harry A. Koch Company, "and the public does not fully realize the importance of this department in analyzing the reason for fire hazards and by eliminating or correcting them in order to bring about a lower rate."

"Many business firms today are paying a high rate on fire simply because they do not know what hazards actually exist and how to eliminate them. It is the business of the insurance engineer to study the fire insurance needs of the applicant, and suggest the most satisfactory coverage at the lowest possible rate."

Mr. A. R. Harris joined The Harry A. Koch Company in October, 1921, having formerly been associated with the National Bureau. He is one of the few experienced insurance engineers in this territory and has a wide acquaintance among the business men of Omaha.

The services of Mr. Harris are available, without charge, through the Harry A. Koch Company. If you believe you are paying a rate that is too high in fire insurance coverage, phone AT-lantic 9555 and he will make an analysis for you.

3 FIRE ALARMS AFTER MIDNIGHT

Omaha fire department responded to eight calls between 7 Wednesday morning and 7 this morning.

Smoke Damages Vogue Contents

The entire contents of the Vogue ready-to-wear store at Sixteenth and Douglas streets was damaged by heavy clouds of smoke from a blaze which started in the basement of the Brown block.

NINE PERSONS PERISH IN FARM HOUSE FIRE

Oil City, Pa., Jan. 1.—Nine persons were killed in a fire that destroyed a farm house at Tylersburg, near Shipperville, Clarion county, today.

Fire in Aurora Bank.

Aurora, Neb., Jan. 1.—Monday afternoon fire broke out in the second story of the First National bank building and gutted the roof and upper story. The banking room was flooded and considerable damage done to the furniture and fixtures.

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29 FIRES HERE IN 24 HOURS

Alarms Increase as Mercury Drops

Twenty of the alarms were between noon and 11:59 last night. The list of fire calls follows:

- 7:11 a. m. 4811 South Twenty-third street.
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- 7:56 p. m. 4218 South Twenty-second street.
- 8:12 p. m. 178 South Thirtieth street.
- 8:18 p. m. 324 North Twenty-third street.
- 8:24 p. m. 1184 North Sixteenth street.
- 8:29 p. m. Park and Westworth avenue.
- 8:32 p. m. Fifty-third and Nicholas streets.
- 8:33 p. m. 2824 South Fifteenth street.
- 8:35 p. m. 3519 Emmet street.
- 8:38 p. m. 2818 Park street.
- 8:43 p. m. 5414 North Sixteenth street.
- 8:44 p. m. Twenty-fourth and Parker streets.
- 8:54 p. m. 3827 Park street.
- 8:59 p. m. 1484 North Twentieth street.
- 9:11 p. m. 1115 North Seventeenth street.
- 9:12 p. m. 2265 Ames avenue.
- 9:18 p. m. 4218 North Twenty-fourth street.
- 9:49 p. m. Sixteenth and Jackson streets.
- 9:59 p. m. 4423 South Twenty-fifth street.
- 10:19 p. m. Twenty-eighth and Finch streets.
- 11:09 p. m. 5825 South Twenty-third street.
- 1:47 a. m. 821 South Twenty-ninth street, home of Charles Corcoran.
- 2:07 a. m. Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets.
- 3:14 a. m. 2751 Leavenworth street, Victor Ross store, defective chimney.
- 3:28 a. m. 1808 Barney street, burst water pipe.
- 11:28 a. m. 1801 Ames avenue.
- 11:28 a. m. 3029 North Twenty-fourth street.

FIRE CAUSES \$75,000 LOSS

Des Moines, Jan. 2.—Damage estimated at \$75,000 was done when a fire, apparently starting from an explosion on the third floor of a three-story brick building, this morning. Fifteen automobiles were destroyed in a paint shop which occupied the upper part of the building.

OMAHAN SPURNS AID, DIES IN FIRE

11 Others Escape From Burning Rooming House—Charred Body Found.

GREENWOOD FIRE CAUSES THIRTY THOUSAND LOSS

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Auto Catches Fire—Fire department was called this morning to extinguish a burning automobile at 111 South Fifty-first street, the home of G. L. Wipple.

Fire Menaces Hospital.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Thirty-five patients were carried to safety at 11 o'clock this morning when fire threatened the Illinois Eye, Ear and Nose hospital. The fire was confined to the plant next door of a photograph company.

The Harry A. Koch Co.

Insurance Surety Bonds Howard at 18th

"Pays the Claim First"

Investment Securities AT-lantic 9555