

### Bossie Weeps When Charged With Shortage

**Calls on Dahlman and Is Arrested for Embezzlement of \$2,000 From Muncy Coal Fund.**

Mayor J. C. Dahlman formally charged Claude F. Bossie, former city clerk, with embezzlement of approximately \$2,000 in connection with the operation of the municipal coal department Saturday.

Bossie was placed under arrest in the mayor's office at noon and taken to Central police station. This development in the case followed a conference of nearly an hour.

Deputy County Attorney Irving Stalmaster will file the complaint against Bossie Monday morning on information given by the mayor.

**Dramatic Scene.** There was a dramatic scene in the mayor's office when Bossie was told by his former chief that the mayor did not wish to discuss the romantic side of Bossie's affairs but had a more serious matter in hand.

The mayor told about the shortage in the coal fund and then Bossie blanched. His nerve gave way. "My God, you ain't going to put me in jail over Sunday, are you?" Bossie asked. "Just let me go, mayor, and I will go down to the river and jump in."

Completely Unnerved Bossie cried. The mayor was serious. "This is no child's play; this is a cold-blooded matter," the mayor said.

As he was taken out of the mayor's office in custody of two policemen Bossie announced that he would enter a plea of not guilty to the charge. "I am satisfied that Bossie took about \$2,000 of the coal department money," the mayor said. "I have not had a complete check of the accounts but from information I have I am satisfied of the shortage. Bossie added about 25 cents per ton to cover contingencies and before he left there had been no exact check made to determine how much surplus he had accumulated."

**Sees Mayor at 11.** When Bossie called on the mayor Saturday morning shortly after 11 the mayor greeted his former city clerk with "Well, I see you lost your head and went foolish like a lot of other men have done. You betrayed all of the confidence I had in you."

"I am sorry if I have caused you and the administration any embarrassment," Bossie replied.

Bossie told the mayor that he paid his own fare from France to Omaha and had come back to face the music. At this juncture of the conference Bossie had no intimation of the charge to be made against him.

**Alone With Dahlman.** The mayor and Bossie were alone when the former first made the accusation of embezzlement. The former city clerk called on the mayor according to an appointment made yesterday and in response to a request that the mayor wanted Bossie here when the affairs of the city clerk's office were audited. The audit will include the affairs of the municipal coal department which Bossie took over last October.

**Affairs Tangled.** The mayor admitted this morning that the municipal coal department affairs have been in a tangled condition. Large demurrage bills have been allowed to accumulate. Nine weeks ago this morning Bossie

visited his office as city clerk for the last time. On that occasion the mayor told him he would be required to resign unless he quit his foolishness.

The arrest of Bossie at the instance of the mayor came unexpectedly to those not close to the situation.

**Mayor Is Firm.** The mayor expressed confidence that he will be able to sustain the case of embezzlement against his former trusted lieutenant, the man who managed the last city campaign when Dahlman and associates rode into the city hall under victory's banner.

"Bossie went to pieces when I told him about the embezzlement," the mayor added. "At first he tried to hold his courage, but he weakened, although he said he was innocent. He wanted to discuss his domestic affairs, but I did not want to hear him on that."

Bossie was arrested in Council Bluffs last Wednesday on a charge of wife abandonment filed by Maybelle McKean Bossie, second wife, of this city. He was arrested in New York City on his arrival from France February 13, on a federal charge of violating the Mann act and making false statements in obtaining a passport.

**Bond Is \$4,000.** Bossie was not placed in the bullpen at police station. He was taken behind the grating which separates the desk sergeant from the bullpen, and was greeted with "Hello, Claude," by Desk Sergeant Frank Rose.

He was booked on the charge against him, and his bond was fixed at \$4,000.

Bossie, nattily attired in a gray suit and gray hat, and smoking a fat cigar, lounged against a desk and joked with police officers while waiting for his bond to arrive. He said he had arranged for bond, and expected it any minute.

"What is this, Claude, a bum rap?" he was asked by a reporter. "Nice day, ain't it?" the former city clerk grinned. "No, it's snowy," he amended.

**Free Publicity.** "What did you come back for, anyway?"

"Why, I came back to clear my name."

"You're getting plenty of publicity." "Yes, and I ain't paying anything for it, either."

**Makes Phone Calls.** Joe Potach, who, with Detective John Barta, made the arrest, said that Bossie was permitted to stop on his way to the station long enough to make several telephone calls, by means of which it is believed he summoned attorneys and arranged for bond.

The detectives did not question him concerning the calls. "Claude F. Bossie, Kansas City," is the way Bossie's name appears on the blotter at police station.

He declined to say where Ruth Wamsey, who he claims is his third wife, is staying.

Bond was furnished for Bossie shortly after 1 today, the entire amount being guaranteed by Antonio Pulricello. Bossie was released immediately.

### Wymore Pays Off \$10,000 on Water and Light Bonds

Wymore, Neb., Feb. 29.—The sum of \$10,000 was paid by City Treasurer Gordon Jones of Wymore, on the outstanding bonds against the water and light operating department. This makes a total of slightly over \$15,000 paid off on the bonded indebtedness of the city during the fiscal year. There is about \$15,000 still outstanding against this same department. For the seven years preceding 1923 an average of about \$2,500 annually has been paid off on the city debt. At the present time there is a total against all departments for government expenses of the city of about \$65,000, which does not include the recent special assessments for 22 blocks of paving in the business district, and some sewer bonds.

### Barge Line to Open in Spring

**Tug Boat and Six Barges to Ply Missouri, Omaha to Sioux City.**

Omaha will have its own little wa-

terway transportation this spring. Farmers between Omaha and Sioux City will be able to bring their materials to the terminal points announced later and be able to take advantage of lower freight rates to Omaha or Sioux City. Round trip will be made in a week. Western Barge line will put one tug boat and six barges into operation soon after the river is cleared of the ice floes, according to T. B. Craig, president of the company. The tug, 96 feet long, with a 25-foot

beam, similar to the one shown above, will have a 330-horsepower engine, capable of pushing 200 tons on each of six barges, between three and four and one-half miles an hour against the current. The barges are 100 feet long and 25 feet wide. Driving force will be a stern paddle wheel. Barges will have but a 30-inch draft when loaded to capacity. Each barge has nine watertight compartments. Three of these may be opened and the cargo may still be brought safely to its destination.

A special feature of this company, said W. L. Craig, vice president, yesterday, is the fact that insurance is carried on the boats on the river and on all cargoes. A complete list of the officers of the company will be announced later. The first load to be carried up the river will be piloted by T. P. Craig, with W. L. Craig as engineer. This line is the first of a series of units to be put in on the Missouri river, according to plans of the company. Eventually it is planned to

have a barge line from Pierre, S. D., to St. Louis, Mo.

sleeping most of the night and Wooton did not expect to make other examination until a later hour. Miss Isabel Clayton, attending nurse, said his fever apparently had risen since midnight, when his temperature was 103. It will be late today before extent of this danger of pneumonia can be determined. Send in your Local Editor, The Omaha Local Editor, The market and win a prize.

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# Sewing Week

## Vogue Patterns

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**35c quarterly**

attractively displays advanced styles that will be worn for several seasons to come; the tissue pattern itself, which is very easy to follow, is popularly priced 40c and 65c.

**Priced 40 and 65c**

The Vogue dressmaking book given with each purchase of Vogue patterns during Sewing Week.

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## Corset Needs

are pre-eminent at the beginning of a new season, for how can one make and fit over an old corset, the clothes that she will wear with a wrap-around or an Oriental? Frocks will fit well only when made over the foundation with which they are intended to be worn.

If you would attain a contour that in no way suggests a corseted appearance, you will appreciate a new and charming Warner's wrap-around made of brocade or some other lightweight fabric, with just enough elastic to let you wrap it and snap it on.

**\$2.50 and more**

Corsets are worn lower this spring. Take care to have our experienced corsetiers fit your garment, if it's only an elastic girdle that you buy.

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### The Newness of Silks

*is spring's reflection*

Only the best of fabrics is worthy of the careful work one puts into the lovely frocks she makes. New weaves are arriving daily; among them:

Printed patterns in crepe de chine, silk and wool cantons, and Cinderella silk, come in a bewildering array of quaint foreign and bright sports designs. Yard,

**\$2.95 \$3.95 \$4.95**

Wool velour sports checks, small or large, are equally good in two-tone effects or in color combinations.

**Yard \$2.95 to \$5.95**

"Kingcloth," exclusive with Thompson-Beldens is a summer sports silk in white or white striped with color.

**Yard \$2.50**

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### Notions

When a woman sits down to sew, she doesn't want to find that she has no more white thread number 70, only 80 and 60. Nor is it inspiring to find that she hasn't a single snap fastener of the correct size. Notions such as these, that she uses continually, practically every day, might just as well be bought and kept conveniently. What better time than when sale prices are quoted on staple articles of advertised repute? During Sewing Week these prices will prevail:

Hook and eye tape, yard, **17c**  
DeLong hooks and eyes, card ..... **7c**  
Wilsnap and DeLong snaps, card ..... **7c**  
Lingerie tape, bolt, **10c** and **15c**.  
Shoulder strapping, pink and white, yard, **10c**; 3 yards, **25c**.  
5-10 Roberts' needles, package ..... **5c**  
2-3 Featherweight dress shields ..... **29c**  
7 spools Coats' cotton thread ..... **29c**  
Bias tape, sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, at ..... **10c**  
Bias tape, sizes 7 and 8, bolt, at ..... **16c**  
Needles for all makes sewing machines, 3 pkgs. .... **25c**  
Darning cotton, 3 balls, **10c**  
Net dress lining with belt, short, **59c**; long ..... **89c**

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### Summer Cottons

*become important*

Already one can see that cotton frocks will hold a very important place in the summer season's wardrobe.

22-inch ginghams in solid colors, plaids and checks. Yard,

**39c to \$1.25**

Full yard-wide linens of correct dress-weight may be had in lovely summer shades.

**Yard \$1.00**

Viyella flannel for sports frocks and skirts. It does not shrink or fade. 31½ inches wide in desirable shades.

**Yard \$2.00**

Percalines for house dresses and children's suits and dresses. 36 inches wide in light, medium and dark colored patterns.

**Yard 30c**

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### The More Ribbon

*the better the dress*

Row upon row of ribbon in narrow width gives an effect of newness and smartness like which no other manner of trimming may achieve. Any number of kinds and shades at Very Small Prices.

Garter ribbon, especially woven with double edges and tube center is ready for elastic. Yard, **50c**.

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### The Better Half

*of a summer dress*

Is its trimming. Since styles are slim and straight, trimming must be relied upon to relieve the utter plainness of frocks. There are any number of new things; among them:

Washable trimmings Novelty braids and for ratines, linens bandings made from and suiting fabrics. Embroidered flower patterns in wonderful colors. Yard, **15c** and more. Yard, **25c** and more.

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### Novelty Laces

*assume new importance*

Have we ever known a time when laces so assumed the foreground? Every dress has its lace collar, every handkerchief its lace edge—and we must needs sew lace all around and about our underthings.

Vals, white and cream, and a few novelty torchons are exceedingly fine bargains at, yard ..... **3c**

Net Footing in 1 and 1½-inch widths may be had in every possible shade. Yard, **12½c to 22c**

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### Her Needlework

*so dainty and fine*

is a satisfaction. When she uses the dainty pieces she may delight in the admiring "Oh's" and "Ah's" of friends.

Bedsreads to be done with cutwork or French knots are of white near linen and priced, each ..... **\$5.00**  
Tufted spreads of unbleached muslin for ..... **\$4.25**

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