

Nebraskan Who Wed Own Niece Given 14 Years

Couple Arrested in Los Angeles Declares Marriage Sanctioned by Relatives; Girl on Probation.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—The marriage of an uncle and his niece in a mutual attempt to break the lonely monotony of life on a Nebraska farm with companionship, brought Perry Kent, 21, and his young wife into the toils of the law in Los Angeles. Kent today was waiting to start a sentence of from 1 to 14 years in the state penitentiary for conviction on a statutory charge, and his niece, Gladys, is on probation for two years. Both pleaded guilty, but said neither of them felt a wrong had been committed. They married with the consent of relatives several years ago when the girl was 18 and have lived happily together, the couple told Judge Avery. After leaving the Nebraska farm, the uncle and niece lived in different sections of the mid-west before coming to Los Angeles, where they were arrested last month.

Child, 6, Civil War Vet, 86, Add Their Mites to Aid Helpless Kiddies; Ideal Way to Start New Year Right

START 1925 right, by sending a contribution to the Free Shoe fund. A picture of Jack and Jill going up the hill is at the top of the "letter head" and in pencil is scrawled this letter: "I am sending you \$1 to help buy shoes for some little boy or girl. Your friend, Beverly Williams, 6 years old, Brule, Neb."

Another letter, written by a man of 86 in the old soldiers' home at Milford, says: "I am sending you \$2 more for the shoe fund, in His name. 'Inasmuch as you have done it for these my little ones you have done it for me.' E. A. Gaston."

Six and 86!

Four score years separate them but both have kind hearts for the poor, unfortunate, innocent children who are without shoes and whose mothers are unable to earn enough money to buy them.

This fund is for that purpose and supplies hundreds of such children every year. Nearly 60 are on the waiting list right now, hoping that enough contributions will come in to permit the Free Shoe fund to supply them with the shoes they so sadly need.

A check, cash or money order, mailed or brought to The Omaha Bee office will be turned into shoes quickly to make some boy or girl happy.

Acknowledgment will be made in this column.

Do the kind act NOW.

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| Previously acknowledged | \$1,683.86 |
| M. W. E. Jacobsen | 2.00 |
| Omaha Theological Society | 2.00 |
| E. G. West, Gothenburg, Neb. | 1.00 |
| Golden Rule S. Church, Arden, Neb. | 1.00 |
| B. J. Smith | 2.00 |
| D. D. Hill, Howells, Neb. | 1.00 |
| Widow's Mite Club, Neb. | 1.00 |
| Golden Rule S. Church, Arden, Neb. | 1.00 |
| Omaha Jim | 1.00 |
| M. J. Friend, Gothenburg, Neb. | 2.00 |
| M. L. Schuchman, Neb. | 1.00 |
| Beverly Williams, Brule, Neb. | 1.00 |
| E. A. Gaston, Milford, Neb. | 2.00 |
| Total | \$1,715.86 |

Friend Slays Former Omaha Man and Self

Crazed Iowan Shoots James Connors at Sioux City; Burial Here Beside First Wife.

Funeral services for James Connors, 45, former Omahan, who was shot and killed by William Ausherman at Sioux City Sunday, were held Wednesday at 8:30 a. m. at the Gentleman Funeral home and at St. John church at 9. Burial was in Holy Sepulcher cemetery, where his first wife is buried.

Connors left Omaha two years ago after being associated with James P. Savage in an employment agency here. Connors was proprietor of the Main Employment agency at Sioux City. He was an I. C.

Born in Iowa.

He was born in Imogene, Ia., from where his mother and brother arrived Tuesday for the services. Two sisters, Mrs. Bill Kennard of Henderson, Ia., and Mrs. Denny Martin of Shenandoah, Ia., also survive. He leaves a widow in Sioux City.

Joe or Mrs. Otter would be likely to get the dreadful man smell and would keep away from those traps. So he took care not to touch those traps with bare hands.

He first took great care to make sure that none of the Otter family were about. Then he set those cruel traps. One he placed in the water right at the foot of the bank where the Otters were in the habit of climbing out to go up to their slippery slide. He placed it in such a way that the first Otter who tried to climb up that bank would be sure to step in the trap.

In the little path that Little Joe and his family had made in crossing so as not to have to go way around



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the bend he placed two traps. He placed one at each end of the little path. He covered them lightly with snow so that they could not be seen. Other traps were hidden in a similar way at places he knew the Otters often visited. One trap was set right at the foot of the slippery slide. There was no bait with any of the traps. In another part of the brook, which he knew the Otters visited occasionally to fish, traps were set, each baited with a fish.

"There," said the trapper, when the last trap had been set, "if all those Otters manage to keep out of those traps, they will prove themselves to be smarter than I think they are. This is the first day of the new year, and unless I am greatly mistaken one or more of those Otters will have a New Year surprise party."

Then the trapper hurried away. He had worked fast, for he didn't want to be seen. He knew that if Little Joe or Mrs. Otter should see him, they would at once become suspicious. He was sure that he hadn't been seen, and all the way home he chuckled as he thought of how clever and smart he had been. He didn't once think of how dreadful it would be for one of those little people in brown fur to be caught in one of those cruel traps. All he thought about was the money that one of those brown fur coats would bring him.

While the trapper had been so busy setting those traps, Little Joe Otter and Mrs. Otter and two young Otters had been taking a nap. They knew nothing of the trapper's visit to the brook. They were carefree and happy and life was very good to them.

Now this trapper knew that an Otter has a keen nose and is very suspicious. He knew that if he handled those traps with bare hands, Little

2 Banks Close at Des Moines

Heavy Withdrawal of Public Funds Given as Cause of Suspension.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.—Two Des Moines banks, the Mechanics Savings and the Commercial Savings, closed their doors today and were taken over by the state banking department, the cause in each case being given as prospective or actual heavy withdrawals of public and private funds.

The Commercial Savings bank, which carried deposits of \$1,500,000 in public money, was the first to close, officers stating they had been advised of the probable withdrawal of these funds because the surety companies declined to renew their depository bonds.

The Mechanics bank, it was said, was closely allied with the Commercial and held \$115,000 of state funds, which were not fully covered by sureties in addition to large deposits by insurance companies centering here. Officers of the Mechanics bank offered no explanation except that heavy withdrawals had prompted their action.

The necessity for withdrawal of public money to be turned over to the present treasurer, who closes up his accounts tonight, was said unofficially to have had a bearing on the suspension of business by the two institutions.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Denison, Ia., Dec. 31.—The First National bank at Denison closed its doors this morning. This also closed the banks it owned, at Vall and Dow City.

Directors gave as a reason for closing, inability to collect funds to make good withdrawals.

The comptroller of currency has been notified to take charge of the bank.

This is the third bank failure at Denison in two years.

420 DEFENDANTS NAMED IN SUIT

Harriet E. Wolfe and the Casey Investment company are believed to have established a record when they filed a petition in district court Tuesday against 420 defendants. The litigation is over equity of title of various pieces of Omaha property.

Rotary Told of Motto.

Dr. C. B. Atzen was to talk on "Is the Rotary Club Motto a Practical and Progressive Viewpoint?" at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Rotary club at the Hotel Pontenelle. The Rotary club motto is "Service Above Self." Dexter C. Buell was to talk on the relation between employer and employee. President George Johnston presided.

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Stereotypers to Banquet Veteran Member Who Has Been in Harness 59 Years

A banquet in honor of S. L. Rouzee, 74, one of the oldest active stereotypers in the world, will be given in the Elks' clubhouse next Monday afternoon at 5 by Omaha Stereotypers' union No. 24. Col. Theodore W. McCullough will preside.

Mr. Rouzee has spent 59 years of his life as a stereotyper. At the age of 16, in December, 1865, he went to work for the Globe in Washington, D. C.

He came to Omaha in March, 1887, and worked on the Republican. He worked on The Omaha Bee from 1892 to 1917, when he resigned. During 19 of those years he was foreman. He took a short vacation after leaving The Omaha Bee and then went to the World-Herald and is now in his seventh year there.

Schools Victims in Charity Work

Promoters of Pet Schemes Prey Upon Pupils, Teachers Told.

Drives for charitable organizations abuse the good will of schools which support and encourage them, Don R. Leach, principal of the Harvard (Neb.) high school, told a meeting of high school principals at the State Teachers' association convention Tuesday.

"Supporters of innumerable pet schemes use the schools to foster these projects," he declared. "They know that they can win support for their schemes in this way, for the causes are urged in the name of the schools."

"These causes may be good within themselves, but they should be able to win support through regular adult organizations, such as churches, lodges or clubs."

Leach also urged the principals to close the doors of the school to "free lance entertainers, magazine solicitors, notions salesmen, insurance agents." He asserted that there is no reason to permit these people to take up the time of both teachers and pupils.

ELECTRIC SHOCK KILLS 2 WOMEN

Turlock, Cal., Dec. 31.—Death by electrocution was the fate of two mothers here today.

Mrs. T. R. Olson and her sister, Mrs. Mary Anderson, climbed to the roof of the Olson home to assist Theodore Olson, jr., to string an aerial for his Christmas radio set.

The aerial came in contact with an 11,000 volt power line and both women fell dead after a blinding flash. The boy was uninjured.

Acid Bath Leaves Woman Deirious

Victim Unable to Give Details of Attack by Trio on Street.

By International News Service.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—So delirious from her terrible experience of last night, when two men and a woman clubbed her into unconsciousness on the street and then threw more than a quart of carbolic acid upon her, Mrs. Claire Williams, 34, was in a serious condition at a hospital here today.

Until Mrs. Williams regains consciousness sufficiently to give a description of her assailants or name some one she may suspect of seeking revenge, the investigation being conducted by police is seriously hampered.

In a lucid moment early today Mrs. Williams said she was attacked on First and Bixel streets after getting off a street car. The woman was slugged without a word of warning, she told detectives, by one of two men and a woman who approached her from behind.

"There is your favorite perfume," were the only words Mrs. Williams mumbled in her delirium today. "I believe she is repeating what was said to her by the trio as it dashed the acid over her."

DEATH OF MAN CAUSED BY AC

Add caused the death of Al Keith, 55, a laborer living at the hotel, an examination by Dr. Sam McClenahan, coroner's physician, dictated Wednesday.

Keith was found in a dying condition Monday, lying at the side of a road north of Florence. He was rushed to the office of a Florence physician, but died as first aid treatment was being given.

FRATERNITY MEET IN OMAHA IN 1925

Omaha has been chosen as the meeting place for the 1925 convention of Phi Kappa Phi, national social fraternity, to be held in December. Decision was made at the 1924 convention that closed Tuesday night in Memphis, Tenn.

Thirty chapters will be represented at the convention. Invitations to come to Omaha was sent by Mayor Dahlman and the Chamber of Commerce.

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Not a single garment in our entire stock has escaped this remarkable price reduction

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Second Floor Garments, sizes 14 to 40; Fourth Floor, "Gray Shop," sizes 42 to 56

The selling during the past week has been most intense, many hundreds of Coats, Suits and Dresses have been sold, and yet our stocks are unusually broad affording splendid selections.

To buy Haas Brothers Quality Apparel at Half-Price means you are making your selections from the finest assemblage of wearables in the city, and that half-price here, means exactly one-half the original low selling price.

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Extra size Coats, Suits and Dresses. Garments of slenderizing lines, beautifully made. The stout woman should not fail to take advantage of this sale.

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PAPILLION THANKS OMAHA FIREMEN

The village board of Papillion, through Mayor E. H. Schroeder, extended the Omaha fire department a vote of thanks for quick response on Christmas day when the home of August Runking was burned.

Runking sent a check for \$55 for the fire department relief fund and to cover the expense of damage to a wheel while making the run.

BURGESS-NASH SCHEDULE FILED

The schedule, listing liabilities and assets of the Burgess-Nash company signed by Thomas P. Redmond, its president, was filed with B. H. Dunham, referee in bankruptcy.

The schedule lists the assets at more than \$4,000,000. This includes book value, amounting to \$2,476,881, \$1,064,751 realized from receiver's sale and assets reserved by receiver, \$1,259,759.

The book value shows securities of the M. E. Smith company, \$759,040, Omaha National bank, \$470,275, and merchandise inventory, \$672,397.

The liabilities are listed at \$3,231,259. Common stock is listed at \$485,000. The schedule states that a comprehensive audit under the direction of the court was made of the books and records of the store.

Unsecured claims aggregate an amount exceeding \$2,375,711.

DAY RETAINS COURT AIDES

Judge L. B. Day has reappointed Joseph Brown bailiff and William S. Heller reporter in his court for the coming year.

Brown has served with Judge Day for the last four years, while Heller has been connected with the court house since 1885.

Too many of us overlook the excellency of our local hospital facilities.

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Coats Dresses Ensembles
C-l-e-a-r-a-n-c-e
Sweaters Skirts Blouses
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Burgess Bedtime Stories

There's always some one setting traps while honest folk are taking naps. — Old Mother Nature.

The Setting of Traps

The trapper who had spent so much time studying the ways of little Joe Otter and his family had found out the things he wanted to know. He had found out where the Otters left the water to climb up to the top of their slippery slide. He had found out where they were in the habit of making a short cut across from one part of the brook to another where it made a bend. He had found out certain favorite places where they brought fish they had caught to eat. He felt that the time had come to set traps.

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WATCH OUT K-K-K IS COMING

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Occidental Building & Loan Association

| RESOURCES | | LIABILITIES | |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Real Estate Loans | \$13,515,073.56 | Capital Stock | \$14,177,801.34 |
| Stock Loans | 58,295.44 | Incomplete Loans | 390,689.60 |
| Office Building | 248,000.00 | Reserve Fund | 460,000.00 |
| Real Estate | 74,651.06 | Undivided Profits | 4,309.48 |
| Real Estate Sold on Contract | 133,161.50 | | |
| Accrued Interest on Real Estate Loans and Securities | 62,441.00 | | |
| Loans in Foreclosure | 47,716.50 | | |
| State and Municipal Securities | 57,952.25 | | |
| U. S. Treasury and Liberty Bonds | 508,800.00 | | |
| Cash on Hand and in Banks | 326,109.11 | | |
| TOTAL | \$15,032,800.42 | TOTAL | \$15,032,800.42 |

Increase in Assets for year ending December 31, 1924 \$2,389,370.50

This Association began doing business about 36 years ago and now has over 15 million in assets. The Association is under the direct supervision of the State Banking Department, its funds are invested in first mortgages on improved real estate and U. S. Liberty Bonds.

The Association has set aside a Reserve Fund amounting to \$460,000.00, which assures ample guarantee for principal and dividends.

We solicit your Savings Account.

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1925

We start tomorrow upon another year's business. To our regular patrons, we pledge the same high quality of merchandise and service to which they are accustomed. To those who come to us this year for the first time, we will make a sincere effort to please, and to render to them the service that they expect from their store home.

To cash customers, we extend the same courtesies as to charge, particularly in the case of the return of merchandise.

To those who desire a charge account, our credit office is upon the third floor, where applications are graciously received.

January is a month of sales at all stores. During this month we will sell our regular merchandise for less. There will be no seconds or inferior goods sold to you at "bargain prices."

Linens Ready-to-Wear Furs Fabrics
Footwear Bedding Accessories

Our New Year's day advertisement was too large for page 2. It is in the center of this section, pages 8 and 9.

Thompson-Belden

New Jan 3rd

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